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C. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(a) Highlights

Adult Work

Eight Home Making Clubs and six associate clubs have held one hundred and seventeen meetings during the year with an attendance of three thousand and eighty. Of these eighty-four were attended by the Agents with a total attendance of two thousand, two hundred and fourteen.

To show how the work has been divided during the past five years is the following:

| Year | Home Agent | | Assistant Home Agents |
|------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u>Days devoted to adult work</u> | <u>Days devoted to 4-H work</u> | <u>Days work in County</u> |
| 1953 | 132 | 155 | |
| 1954 | 123 | 164 | |
| 1955 | 151 | 144 | (Adult) 21 (4-H) 229 |
| 1956 | 137 | 149 | (Adult) 21 (4-H) 243 |
| 1957 | 148 | 138 | (Adult) 79 (4-H) 203 |

In all years an effort has been made by the Home Agent to divide the time equally between adult work and 4-H work. Assistant Home Agents have, however, spent the major portion of their time with 4-H.

Other than the above meetings, such organizations as the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Zonta Club, the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Association, the American Association of University Women, Yuma Chapter Number 14, Order of the Eastern Star, have been served by the Agent. A county-wide program in nutrition, clothing and home management was planned with the State Office and has been carried out.

Nutrition

One leader meeting was held by the Nutrition Specialist in the southern part of the County and one in the northern part of the County during 1957. The subject for the southern part of the County was "Clever Buying" or "Getting Your Money's Worth Out of Your Food Dollar". The subject for the northern part of the County was "One Dish Meals". The subject matter from these

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(a) Highlights (cont.)

Nutrition (cont.)

meetings was subsequently given back to twelve organized groups representing nine communities.

The Agents, during the year, have carried a program with all Homemaker Clubs by means of demonstrations, discussions and work meetings. Subjects included have been: Food for Health, Menu Planning, Cookies for all Occasions, Christmas Sweets, Jelly Making, Food Freezing Techniques, Cuts and Grades of Meat, Nutrition News, Yeast Breads.

As in previous years, the Agent has found repetition among clubs of nutrition leader meetings from previous years such as: "Importance of a Good Breakfast", "Foods, When Entertaining", "Meals That Can Wait", "Salads From Locally Grown Produce", "Favorite Mexican Dishes", "Holiday Meals", "Grapefruit Desserts", "Mid-Day Meals", "Safe Reducing" and "Outdoor Cooking".

As in previous years, the Agent has answered inquiries and distributed Extension bulletins on freezing and canning of foods, child care and training, etc. In addition, a bulletin board in the Agent's office has served to dispense bulletins on the various phases of nutrition.

There has been spread of influence in all communities through local leaders and it is estimated that approximately four hundred families have been assisted by the adult program.

Clothing

Miss Helen Church, State Clothing Specialist, has been in Yuma County on two separate occasions during 1957 in the interest of the Clothing program.

On February 21, a Homemaker Leader Training meeting on "Fabrics and Findings" was held. Subject matter from this meeting was subsequently given back to eleven organized groups representing eight communities.

The second occasion was in April during the Yuma County Fair when Miss Church was an official Clothing judge.

There have been method demonstrations and workshops by the Agent and Leaders during the year on: Pattern Alteration, Christmas Gift Suggestions, Stay Stitching, Pressing, Tailoring Techniques, Altering Ready to Wear Garments, Sewing Short Cuts and Color Harmonies.

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(a) Highlights (cont.)

Clothing (cont.)

There has been a spread of influence in all communities through local leaders and it is estimated that approximately four hundred and fifty families have been assisted by the adult program.

Home Management and Family Economics

Miss Grace Ryan, the State Specialist, was in Yuma County on one occasion during the year 1957.

On October 10, a Homemaker Leader Training meeting on "Use of Space and Storage" was held. Up until December, subject matter from this meeting has been given back to nine organized groups. Additional groups are anticipated to receive the work in 1958.

The work of the Specialist in previous years on the subjects "Importance of Correct Lighting in the Home", on "Laundry Methods" and on "Draperies" continue to be a topic of discussion at local meetings. Women have adopted in good measure the methods taught. It is estimated that four hundred and twenty five families have, during the current year, improved some phase of home life because of the teachings of Miss Ryan.

Work on "Refinishing Furniture" continues to be practiced in the County as a result of Leader meetings in 1949 and 1950. The making of slip covers and re-upholstery of furniture continue to be practices in all communities as a result of Home Demonstration work. Most of these practices are a result of demonstrations in previous years. During the current year, demonstrations have not been held by the Agent. There has been a report of ten such meetings being conducted by Leaders. There have been others not reported.

Junior Work

A combined report for 4-H Home Economics and Agricultural Club work is being submitted in separate report. However, since more than half the Home Agents' time was given to 4-H Club work, it can scarcely be omitted from this report.

The Agents have supervised 4-H Home Economics projects in the County. In addition, time has been spent with the preparation and operation of such special events as a Yuma County Fair, County Council Meetings, County Leader Association Meetings, Leader Training Schools, delegations to 4-H Roundup and 4-H Camp, Recognition Event, etc.

This year, for the fifth time, the Junior Agricultural Fair was superceded by a real County Fair - the fifth Yuma County Fair. However, except for change of location from Crane School to a Fairgrounds site just beyond the Country Club on Highway 80, operation of 4-H exhibits and activities were similar to previous years. The County Demonstration Contest was held as a

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(a) Highlights (cont.)

Junior Work (cont.)

special event three weeks prior to the Fair. The County Judging Contest followed the Fair by six weeks. This has become an established custom.

The Recognition Event on November 16 was attended by approximately two hundred and fifty 4-H members, leaders, parents and guests. Awards were made on a community, county and state level. This year, for the first time, the banquet was dispensed with. Punch and cookies were served after the program.

During the year, a total of twenty-six Home Economics Clubs have been supervised by the Agents. This year, as for the past six years, all clubs have been community clubs. School authorities have played no part in organization or in operation.

Statistics

From the statistical report for the Home Agents is the following:

| | <u>Agent</u> | <u>Assistant Agent</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Days spent in Adult work..... | 148 | 79 |
| Days spent in 4-H Club work.. | 138 | 203 |
| Total for the year..... | 286 | 282 |
| Days spent on projects | | |
| Extension organization and program planning..... | 65 | 95 |
| House and surroundings, furnishings and equipment..... | 20 | 16 |
| Home Management..... | 2 | 12 |
| Clothing..... | 98 | 55 |
| Foods and Nutrition..... | 55 | 43 |
| Community development and public affairs..... | 46 | 61 |
| Total for the year..... | 286 | 282 |

(b) Local Factors Influencing

The work of the Home Agents in Yuma County is modified by local conditions, most of which have to do with topography and climate. For this reason, as in previous years, a brief explanation seems justified. While the total acreage of Yuma County is in round figures, six million, or one-twelfth of the acreage of the entire State of Arizona, nevertheless, the total acres on which cultivated crops have been grown has been relatively small.

In the past ten years, there has been marked development. At present, the acres under cultivation in Yuma County are approximately three per cent of the total. In general, this low percentage is due to unused land divided into soil highly productive but without water supply and hard pan plus

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(b) Local Factors (cont.)

caliche desert soil including small mountain ranges of comparatively low elevation. Of the land under cultivation, approximately one-third is farmed by tenants while two-thirds is owner-operated.

There is, as in previous years, a high percentage of shifting rural population. These factors, that is distances to travel and large transient population, make follow-up checks of much more than average difficulty. Local leaders, also, cannot function as effectively as in many other sections of the United States.

Another local factor influencing Home Agent work in Yuma County is the Mexican population. Approximately one-third of the County is Mexican. Of these Mexicans, only a small percentage (approximately seven per cent) are naturalized. These are highly patriarchal in family life. This accounts for the fact that while the children are accessible for Extension work through the 4-H Club work, the women are practically unapproachable. There are, however, women in our Homemakers Clubs who speak Spanish and who have acted as interpreters in all community projects.

Mention should also be made of the Indian population. There are two Indian Reservations as follows:

(1) Colorado River Agency located at Parker.

(2) The Cocopah Reservation, located in the lower Yuma Valley. There is also the Fort Yuma Indian Agency located on Indian Hill, in California, directly across the river from Yuma.

For several years, the State policy was that Extension personnel should not work directly with Indians. Eight years ago this policy was done away with and steps were taken to carry an Extension program with the new settlers in the Parker area. For this program, the Agency Home Economist has been in charge. The exception was from July, 1956, to August, 1957, during which period the position was vacant.

(c) Form of Organization

Yuma County Home Agent work is organized under two headings as follows:

(1) Work with adults through regularly organized clubs, through clubs other than those primarily organized for Home Agent work, through home visits, office and telephone calls, through individual and circular letters, through newspaper articles.

Regularly organized Homemakers Clubs include the following areas:

(1) Yuma vicinity (2) Yuma-Mesa (3) Somerton (4) Gadsden (5) North and South Gila (6) Dome Valley (7) Roll (8) Parker.

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(c) Form of Organization (cont.)

All Homemaker clubs have a roster of members in the Agent's office and notices of meetings are sent to each member.

Clubs programs for 1957 were initiated at a County Homemaker Council meeting when club representatives, the Agents and State Leader of Home Economics Extension formulated a calendar for specialists work in the County and for subjects to be presented based on needs and interests. As nearly as possible, programs for the clubs have been planned on a yearly basis. However, during the current year, as in previous years, it has been difficult to realize this completely. Limiting factors have been: shift in interest, change in duties of club members, prolonged summer heat.

In the various subject matter fields in the adult program, the following leader meetings with the State Specialists and the Home Agents in charge have been held:

February: "Fabrics and Finishes"

Miss Helen Church, State Clothing Specialist

March: "Getting Your Money's Worth Out of Your Food Dollars", "One Dish Meals"

Miss June Gibbs, Extension Nutritionist

October: "Use of Space and Storage"

Miss Grace Ryan, State Specialist in Home Management

During the year, the Agents have given back to clubs, subject matter obtained at Extension and other meetings outside the County as follows: 42nd and 43rd Annual Extension Conferences, University of Arizona; Information Work Shop, University of Arizona; State Home Agent Conference, University of Arizona; Annual Country Life Conference, University of Arizona; State Money Management Work Shop, University of Arizona; State 4-H Roundup, University of Arizona; 4-H Camp, Church Conference Grounds, Prescott; 4-H Leader's Conference, Flagstaff; Cochise County Fair, Douglas.

The work of the Agents entail, in addition to regular meetings, many home visits, telephone calls, conferences, publicity measures, etc.

As in past years, an effort has been made to supply homemakers with the latest published material in the Home Economic field. A bulletin board is installed in the office. In addition to the use of this bulletin board, bulletins are distributed at meetings and are mailed upon request.

Until five years ago, the one County paper cooperating with the Home Agent program was the Yuma Daily Sun. The first of January, 1952, a weekly called "Yuma County Farmer" came into being and the Home Agent has carried a weekly column from its beginning. In addition, special meetings have been announced in both the Yuma Daily Sun and the Yuma County Farmer.

D. PROGRAM OF WORK

(a) Factors Considered and Methods Used in Determining the Program of Work

As previously stated, for years the Agent has made an effort to keep the

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D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(a) Factors Considered and Methods Used in Determining The Program of Work (cont.)

program of work as nearly uniform as possible. A great aid in this direction has been the County Homemaker Council.

That is, programs have been planned with club leaders, with state workers and with other club women in the County. However, this practice has not interfered with the established plan of inquiring preferences from women in attendance at meetings as well as from constant study of local conditions.

The local leader movement began in Yuma County in the Fall of 1939. Because of limiting factors, it at first functioned on a limited basis only.

Handicaps in the local leader movement have had to do with travel distances, climate etc., and these handicaps, of course, continue. From the beginning, the movement has been carried in cooperation with the State Home Economics staff.

(b) Influence of State and National Agricultural Agencies

Except for 4-H Club work, Home Agent work in Yuma County is quite distinct from other agencies. However, correlation does occur coming naturally rather than from a planned program.

(c) Project Activities and Results

1. Organization

Sub Project A - Farm Organization

The town of Yuma is the center of interest for all the southern part of the County. Rural people, without exception, come to Yuma for shopping and a large percentage of them have business interests in Yuma. The town is increasing rapidly in population and this increase is largely due to agricultural developments. The civic interests of the town all have part membership from the surrounding rural communities. For this reason, it has always been hard to draw a line between urban and rural activities.

It may be of interest to state here that the suburban section just south of Yuma and referred to as Yuma-Mesa was, in 1945, incorporated into the city proper. This is a residential section where the Agent goes, from time to time, for meetings. More than ten miles beyond is another section which is still known as the Yuma-Mesa and whose principal industry is growing of citrus. A third division designated as Yuma-Mesa is adjacent to the Air Base. It is here that the Yuma-Mesa veteran families live, those who drew plots of land from the government after the second World War.

In Yuma County, needs of the different communities are varied and so the Agents can in no way limit their services to being a specialist in one line of work.

There is a high percentage of very well educated women in the clubs with which they work, so that they must always be on the alert that the material they

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D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

1. Organization (cont.)

Sub Project A - Farm Organization (cont.)

give is up-to-date and sound.

This also operates to make the data given, adopted for use. The Agents find that practices are quickly worked out by the groups in question to incorporate needs in a practical way. As a whole, the County is very reticent to do anything from a campaign angle but people are serious minded and energetic in making the most of any opportunity for advancement which can be made practical. It is with this in mind that the Agents endeavor to make their program service really function.

Sub Project B - Home Economics Extension

As previously explained, the County Home Agent program, as much as is feasible, operates from the State Home Economics office which, in turn, operates from the Agricultural Extension Service office at the University of Arizona. During the current year, Yuma County has been allowed its share of the services of the State Clothing Specialist, the State Home Management Specialist and the Extension Nutritionist.

The State Leader of Home Economics Extension work has assisted with County Council meetings, which have had to do with planning.

Sub Project C - Homemakers Council

A county-wide homemaker council, whose function is to determine program content for Home Agent work in the County, has become progressively a reality. By way of recording progress made to the present time, the following is told: During the war period, it was impossible to hold county-wide homemakers council meetings because of the restrictions in travel which war brought. The Agent found it necessary to go from group to group in order to formulate plans. These group decisions were pooled for a County decision. Then it was, she met individually with program committees and planned with them for the year for their particular club. The Victory Year Book, supplied by the State Office, was used for posting these programs and was distributed to members.

Since 1946, the County Office has published its own Homemaker's Year Book. The general outline has each year been as follows: Club enrollment, Officers, Suggested program subjects, Homemakers Creed, Calendar of month meetings. Also scattered through the book have been timely quotations and space has been provided for note taking.

For the past six years, year books have been made for each club. This has entailed working with program committees from each club, separately. It

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D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

1. Organization (cont.)

Sub Project C - Homemakers Council (cont.)

has had certain advantages because less has had to be written in and clubs have been able to proceed in a better organized fashion.

Beginning in October, 1948, annual County Homemaker Council meetings have resulted in members selecting programs for club study for the subsequent year. Beginning in 1955, because of congestion in the specialists' programs, the County has been limited to one selection for each specialist.

The meeting of the County Homemaker Council for the purpose of planning a program of work for 1956 was held October 27, 1955. Miss Jean Stewart, State Leader of Home Economics Extension, was present at the meeting which got under way at 10:30 in the morning at Clymer's Tea Room in Yuma. Mr. Ray Weick, Acting County Agent, showed the movie in color of our 1955 County Fair. After this, he talked to the group, telling about 4-H Club work in Yuma County.

Following the noon luncheon, Miss Stewart explained the use of score cards in judging exhibits. There was a general discussion with the entire group taking an active part. The group then divided to formulate recommendations for the 1955 program.

The Nutrition division had for its Chairman, Mrs. Esther Whitman. The following recommendations were submitted and accepted:

That emphasis be placed on helping teen-agers maintain and secure a good complexion.

1. Work up a basic diet for teen-age group.
Avoid chocolate, carbonated beverages, sugars, fried foods, fats, mayonnaise.
2. Stress proper elimination.
3. Proper cleansing of skin.
4. Proper stimulation.
5. Rest.
6. Regular habits.

The Clothing division had for its Chairman, Mrs. Mae Baldrige. The following recommendations were submitted and accepted:

1. Invite Miss Church to present judging standards for Clothing.
2. Have work on good grooming, hair styles, selection and care, posture.

The Home Improvement division had for its Chairman, Mrs. Lorraine Ramsey. The group presented a variety of subjects, including redecoration, home repairs, home appearance, new home appliances. However, the one voted in by the entire group as of first interest was the making of draperies.

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D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

1. Organization (cont.)

Sub Project C - Homemakers Council (cont.)

The Community Activities division had for its Chairman, Mrs. Lilly McCain Smith. Their recommendations had to do with the County Fair as follows:

1. We favor the continuation of the Danish System of judging for the 1956 Fair.
2. Any score card in the Fair Book should be called to the attention of the judges.
3. Sweepstake points should be determined by the Superintendents by comparative value of articles entered and the amount of work involved.
4. Three judges, one of them local, and two from out of the County, should be used in the Adult Home Economics Department for Clothing.
5. We favor doing away with the Green Award.

In all, there were eleven women's organizations represented by leaders.

The meeting of the County Homemaker Council for the purpose of planning a program with Specialist participation for the year 1957 was held October 18 of the current year. Miss Jean Stewart, State Leader of Home Economics Extension, was present at the meeting beginning at eleven in the morning at Jean's Steak House. The program was as follows:

What's Ahead for Agriculture in Yuma County

Mr. Garrett Blackwell, County Agent

What's Ahead for the Yuma County Fair

Mr. Frank Deason, Executive Secretary

What's Ahead for Home Economics Extension

Miss Jean Stewart, State Leader

Group Discussion and Reports

1. Clothing for 1957
2. Nutrition for 1957
3. Home Furnishings for 1957
4. Community Activities for 1957

These discussions were participated in by all eighteen leaders present rather than dividing into chatter groups as had been done in years previous.

The following requests for the 1957 program were adopted:

Clothing

1. Sewing Techniques
2. New Fabrics and Finishes and Construction Problems
3. Foundation Garments

Nutrition

1. Clever Buying - getting your money's worth
2. Cuts of meat and grades

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D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

1. Organization (cont.)

Sub Project C - Homemakers Council (cont.)

Home Improvement

1. Home appearance - yard, porch
2. Use of space - storage, arrangement, etc.
3. Redecoration - wallpaper, paint, etc.

Community Activities

1. Cancer Research program information
2. County Fair Organization and Operation (Home Economics Division)

Two program changes for October of this current year compared with programs of previous years have prevented securing a date when the State Leader of Home Economics Extension could meet with the County Council. The Annual Extension Conference was moved from December to October and the visit of Miss Grace Ryan, Specialist in Home Management, was moved from May to October.

A program discussion and vote from club groups visited by the Agents resulted in the following requests being submitted for the 1958 program:

Clothing

- "What to Look for When Buying a Dress"
including a discussion of the new fabrics
- Children's Clothing
- General Clothing Techniques
- Tailoring Equipment

Nutrition

- "Child Nutrition" - Infant, Pre-school, School
- Meat Cooking
- Holiday Foods
- Outdoor Cookery

Home Management and Home Furnishing

- "Money Management" with emphasis on credit buying
- "Use of Space and Storage"
- "Furniture Rejuvenation"

On October 29 of the current year, the above was sent as a proposed Home Agent program for the Yuma County adult work to the State office.

Specialist assistance has been confirmed as follows:

Clothing Specialist - What to Look for When Buying a Dress and 4-H,
week of February 17

Nutrition Specialist - Child Nutrition and 4-H, week of May 26

Home Management Specialist - Leader training and 4-H, week of October 13

State Leader - Program Planning for 1959, September 30

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D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

1. Organization

Sub Project D - 4-H Clubs ~~(cont.)~~

It has become the custom to submit a separate report for 4-H Club work.

It is deemed advisable to also include the report in the Home Agents' Narrative for the following reasons:

- (1) More than half of the time of the Agents has been devoted to 4-H Club work.
- (2) Printed form FES - 21 (Revised June, 1954) by the Extension Service, Washington, D. C., states "The Annual Report is a record of the year's work put into convenient shape for future reference."

From December 1956 to December 1957, Home Economics 4-H Clubs in Yuma County have been in operation and have shown completions. Data is submitted for clubs whose year's work closed October 1. Clubs organized since then will be submitted in next year's report. Home Economics enrollments by clubs for 1957 are as follows:

| <u>Club</u> | <u>Project Enrollments</u> | | | <u>Member Enrollments</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | <u>Clothing</u> | <u>Foods</u> | <u>Home Furnishings</u> | |
| <u>Crane</u> | | | | |
| Crane Community | 6 | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Sip & Sew | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Snip & Whip | 9 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| <u>Gadsden</u> | | | | |
| Go-Getters | 7 | 6 | | 8 |
| Stitch & Cackle | 3 | 3 | | 3 |
| <u>Gila Valley</u> | | | | |
| Up & Coming Jr. | 6 | | | 6 |
| <u>Parker</u> | | | | |
| Haymakers & Homemakers | 7 | 15 | | 20 |
| Pitch Patch Sr. | 8 | 1 | | 8 |
| Pitch Patch Jr. | 11 | 2 | | 11 |
| Stitch & Ditch | 7 | 5 | | 9 |
| <u>Quartzsite</u> | | | | |
| Hi Jolly | 5 | 12 | 1 | 10 |
| <u>Roll</u> | | | | |
| Busy Bees | 9 | 10 | 1 | 10 |

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(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

1. Organization

Sub Project D - 4-H Clubs (cont.)

| <u>Club</u> | <u>Clothing</u> | <u>Project Enrollments</u> | | <u>Member Enrollments</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | <u>Foods</u> | <u>Home Furnishings</u> | |
| <u>Salome</u> | | | | |
| Stitch & Stir | 12 | 12 | | 12 |
| <u>Somerton</u> | | | | |
| Jr. Farmers & Homemakers | 18 | 14 | 2 | 18 |
| Little Women | 5 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| <u>Wellton</u> | | | | |
| Desert Devils | 5 | | 1 | 5 |
| Desert Queens | 13 | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| <u>Yuma Mesa</u> | | | | |
| Jackrabbits | 9 | 9 | 4 | 9 |
| <u>Yuma</u> | | | | |
| Busy Women | 8 | 7 | 8 | 8 |
| Cook 'n Chuckle | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Eager Beavers | 11 | | | 11 |
| 4-H Hours | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Hem & Ha | 9 | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| Las Caseritas | 8 | 8 | | 8 |
| Pecan Stitchers | 24 | 9 | 3 | 24 |
| Sew & So | 8 | | | 8 |
| Totals | 226 | 164 | 47 | 255 |

The foregoing is based on final enrollment and consequently does not include the Fall enrollments who, for one reason or another, dropped. In addition to the project enrollments, there were eighteen Food Preservation enrollments and fourteen Junior Leadership enrollments.

For the past eleven years, Yuma County has had an Assistant County Agent who has been organization leader in 4-H work for the County. Features have consequently been introduced into the program such as: a Junior Agricultural Fair or County Fair, Recognition Banquet, night meetings for the older youth, County Council meetings. All of these events have made an increased demand on the Home Agents' time.

State workers who have visited the County for one or more days during the current year, in the interest of 4-H Home Economics Club work, are as follows:

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D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

1. Organization (cont.)

Sub Project D - 4-H Clubs (cont.)

January

Mr. Graham Wright, State Leader, 4-H Club work

February

Miss Helen Church, State Clothing Specialist

April

Miss Helen Church, State Clothing Specialist

Miss Sarah Harman, Assistant State Leader, 4-H Club work

Miss Edna Wiegman, Home Agent at Large

Miss Lucinda Hughes, County Home Agent

Miss Jean Stewart, State Leader, Home Economics Extension

Mr. Graham Wright, State Leader, 4-H Club work

October

Miss Grace Ryan, State Home Management Specialist

Miss Sarah Harman, Assistant State Leader

Miss Jean Stewart, State Leader, Home Economics Extension

Each year, the Fair is the big event on the 4-H calendar. The first Fair took place on April 6, 1946, and was cooperated in by the Agricultural Extension Service and the vocational classes at the High School. The event was sponsored by the Yuma County Senior Chamber of Commerce.

This was a one-day Fair and was culminated in the afternoon by a Dress Revue and announcement of awards. In 1947, the Fair date was April 12. However, in order that more people might visit the Fair, it was thrown open to the public Friday evening, April 11, as well as all day Saturday, April 12.

The Home Economics division was divided into three general divisions:

(1) Exhibits (2) Demonstrations (3) Judging Contests. By far the greater portion of exhibits were clothing work.

This second year saw a total of twenty-four demonstrations given in the Junior and Senior divisions. Judging contests were held in both clothing and foods.

Beginning in 1948 and through 1952, the Fair was open to the public for two complete days. Dress Revues were held in the evening and were supplemented by a program from the various clubs.

Because of the availability of such food supplies as sugar and fat, in 1948, there were for the first time, entries in foods. Baked goods from the three years of meal planning project requirements were exhibited.

In 1948, the poster exhibit at the Fair took a different form in that it was put on an individual rather than a club basis. 1948 saw the introduction of a frozen foods premium list.

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In 1949, the Fair took place the eighth and ninth of April and as in previous years, was held at Crane School. In the clothing exhibit, blue ribbon dresses were exhibited on special standards for the first time. Two upright home freezers were loaned by local firms for exhibiting frozen foods. In the foods exhibit, two bleacher sections were covered with white paper, decorated with 4-H rosettes and used to display the entries. Food poster entries showed an increase in both number and quality.

In 1949, for the first time, a theme was selected and carried through for the Dress Revue. The theme was the 4-H Record Book. Four girls, recent Chicago trip winners, dressed in pastel formals, were mistresses of ceremonies. Mona Berry was narrator and used her own record book to talk from. A large record book formed a door through which the Dress Revue girls stepped. Opening and closing the door were Betty Jo Frauenfelder and Mary Lott. Joan Cannon Brown assisted Mona Berry as narrator. In 1949, there were thirty-three Home Economics demonstrations.

In 1950, exhibits at the Fair showed a marked increase in the foods division. Exhibits conformed closely with the entry list which, in turn, had been made to conform with requirements for the different project years. Frozen Foods exhibits showed the greatest increase in entries of any division.

The theme for the Dress Revue was Fashions in the Sun. A back drop with cathedral windows through which special lighting effects were arranged was used. The Revue itself was well done and showed an improvement in form over previous years. Between scenes, entertainment consisted of the following: A Spanish Dance by the Gadsden Go-Getters girls, a Tumbling Act by the Somerton girls, two solos (4-H songs) by Myrna Ellis of the Little Women Club.

The year 1951 saw an advance in community leadership in preparation for the Fair. There were two pre-County Fairs as follows:

(1) The Wellton Kiwanis Club sponsored a pre-County Fair for the communities of Roll and Wellton. (2) Gadsden had a pre-County Fair at the Gadsden Grammar School.

Organization of the Fair was planned through the County 4-H Leaders' Association and the County 4-H Council. This included such details as: catalog, entry forms, superintendent sheets, rules concerning exhibits and exhibitors, appointment of superintendents and assistant superintendents, committees for Dress Revue.

Special mention should be made of the catalog which in 1951, for the first

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time, was full paper size and exhibited an improved organization and style over previous years.

Dates for the Fair in 1951 were April 13 and 14. However, since all clothing entries for the Fair had to be in by Wednesday at 5:00 PM and since setting up for booths, decorations, etc., had to be done prior to that, it really meant that the Fair for Home Economics workers extended from April 10 to 14.

Again in 1951, the overall decoration of booths was done by Homemaker Clubs. The Dress Revue was held outdoors. A special stage was built by the school and a carpenter employed by the 4-H Council.

In 1952, the Fair in many ways showed an improvement over previous years. Planning meetings of special groups were very effective among which can be mentioned: 4-H County Council, 4-H Leader Council, Dress Revue Committee, Superintendents Committees.

The 4-H County Council in 1952 financed the building of booth partitions. They were built of celotex with board frames and each year have been stored away as a permanent part of Fair equipment. The Dress Revue stage setting in 1952 was the most elaborate and the most successful yet attempted, a huge flower, out of the center of which the Dress Revue girls stepped.

For the first time in 1952, a cash award of ten dollars was given to the overall Junior Dress Revue winner.

1953 saw a radical departure in the Fair, in that it expanded to be a bonafide County Fair of which 4-H is one division. A large plot of land beyond the Yuma Country Club was designated as Fairgrounds and the Pan-American Amusement Corporation was contracted to furnish exhibit tents and amusements. Since the plot was raw land, it was necessary to dig a well, to build rest rooms, as well as to move all 4-H cattle sheds, etc. There were no funds to begin with and it was much to the credit of the Board of Directors that the Fair closed with a good surplus, with which to make improvements for the coming year. From the public's viewpoint, the Fair was a huge success.

The 1953 Dress Revue was, however, both satisfactory and disappointing. It was satisfactory because the girls participating did the best job of modeling of any year so far. They were, without exception, poised and business-like. Their garments fitted them unusually well and they really looked quite professional.

The disappointment about the Dress Revue came from the availability of the stage. No decorating could be done as in previous years and no pre-practice sessions for the girls could be arranged.

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In 1955, the public Dress Revue at the Fair was worthy of special mention. It was a decided improvement over the two previous years when the Dress Revue had to share time and stage setting with the general stage show. This year the hour between 7:30 and 8:30 was definitely set aside and there was no interference. All girls with the exception of the first year were scored and winners selected on Tuesday night before the public Dress Revue on Saturday night. First year girls in their aprons and mitt pot holders were scored Saturday evening.

In 1956, two 4-H Dress Revues were held in order that all girls might be scored for modeling. The first was held Tuesday, April 17, at the Business and Professional Women's Club House in Yuma.

On Friday evening, April 20, at 8:00 PM, the public 4-H Dress Revue was held at the Fairgrounds. Prior to this event, all first year girls were judged in their aprons and mitt pot holders and all second year girls in their skirts and blouses. Mrs. Frank Pritchard and Mrs. Al Face were the judges. The Agent also secured the services of Mrs. Josephine Pike to instruct the girls who had previously been judged in modeling. This proved to be very successful. Mrs. Pike did a wonderful job and the girls were delighted.

Mrs. Gladys Carlisle of Somerton has been chairman of our Dress Revue committee since 1954 and has done a very fine job, ironing out many difficulties and lending much organization ability as well as initiative to the task.

This current year of 1957, both the Pre Dress Revue at the Business and Professional Women's Club House and the public Dress Revue at the Fair were well received. The chief difficulty had to do with dressing room facilities. None was provided. The committee worked with the problem and finally brought eighteen bed sheets from home, roped off an area, and made a dressing room. It worked quite well. For 1958, the Fair Board has promised us dressing room accommodations in a 4-H Building which is to be provided for the first time.

County 4-H Dress Revue winners were as follows: Junior division, ^{Ruth Ann Moody}/Somerton Junior Homemakers Club; Senior Tailored division, Rita Baxter, Gadsden Stitch and Cackle Club; School Dress division, Carolyn Curtis, Crane Sip & Sew Club; Senior Best Dress division, Sandra Neese, Yuma Busy Women Club; Senior Party Dress division, Cheryl Higgins, Yuma Busy Women Club.

As in years past at the 1957 County Fair, 4-H exhibits were made on the community or club booth plan. This current year there were the following:

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Crane community, Parker community, Gadsden community, Somerton community, Wellton-Mohawk area, Quartzsite-Salome area, Yuma-Mesa Rabbits, North Gila Club, Cook 'n Chuckle Club, Busy Women Club, Sew and So Club, Las Casaritas Club, Hem and Ha Club combined with the Little Women Club, Snip and Whip Club combined with the Pecan Stitchers Club. This made fourteen booths in all. Each booth was built around a central theme and much ingenuity was shown. Sweepstakes went to Crane Community with the theme "Steps to Success". Runner up was Parker community with the theme "4-H'ers Grand March".



Finalists in the 4-H Dress Revue at the 1957 County Fair:
left to right - Ruth Ann Moody, Somerton; Patty Oldham,
Quartzsite; Carolyn Curtis, Crane; Cheryl Higgins, Yuma.

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Finalists in the 4-H Dress Revue at the 1957 County Fair: left to right - Sandra Neese, Yuma; Elva Warner, Crane; Rita Baxter, Gadsden.



Junior Dress Revue Winner at the 1957 County Fair: Ruth Ann Moody, Somerton.

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There was a fine spirit of cooperation among all the helpers. The 4-H leaders worked tirelessly until the judging was complete and the booths were ready for exhibits. The judging was accepted without complaint and a great big thank you goes to the judges in the persons of Helen Church, State Clothing Specialist; Sarah Harman, Assistant State 4-H Leader; Edna Wiegman, Agent at Large; Lucinda Hughes, Home Agent; Jean Stewart, State leader; Graham P. Wright, State Leader.

Beginning with 1953, the Annual County 4-H demonstration contests have been held separately from the 4-H Fair. It has proven very much a success both in the number of participants and in the quality of demonstrations.

In 1955, the contest was held on March 12 and because of the number of demonstrations entered, it was necessary to have two Home Economics sections in order to care for them in one day. The place of meeting was the Somerton School and the contest got under way at ten in the morning and ran continuously until 4:30 in the afternoon.

The above plan has carried through for both 1956 and 1957. The date for 1957 was March 16 when a total of thirty-six home economics demonstrations were given.

Of these demonstrations, the following were divisional winners:

Junior Food Preparation Individual

"Taking the Guess Work Out of Pie Paste"
Iva Jones - Roll Busy Bee Club

Junior Food Preparation Team

"Cake, Conventional Method"
Armilda Golden
Beverly McDonald - Busy Women Club

Senior Food Preparation Individual

"Mayonnaise Cake"
Yvonne Whitten - Yuma Mesa Rabbits

Senior Food Preparation Team

"Orange Chiffon Cake"
Reta Welch
Rita Baxter - Gadsden Stitch and Cackle Club

Junior Food Preservation Individual

"Jelly Making"
Janie Rushin - Busy Women Club

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Junior Food Preservation Team

"Strawberry Preserves"

Brenda Wood

Lucille Espino - Cook 'n Chuckle Club

Junior Clothing Individual

"Marking Darts with Tailor Tacks"

Avis Jennings - Crane Community Club

Junior Clothing Team

"Shine a Happy Shoe"

Sharon Standsberry

Betsy Middleton - Crane Snip and Whip Club

Senior Clothing Team

"Cutting True Bias"

Anna Lou Michener

Linda Michener - Somerton Jr. Farmers and Homemakers Club

Junior Dairy Foods Team

"Cream Puffs"

Carol Barry

Karen Carter - Cook 'n Chuckle Club

Senior Dairy Foods Individual

"Queen of Desserts"

Elva Warner - Crane Community Club

Senior Bread Baking Individual

"Um! Better Than Grandma's Bread"

Carolyn Curtis - Crane Snip and Whip Club

Senior Home Furnishing Individual

"Making a House a Home"

Cheryl Higgins - Busy Women's Club

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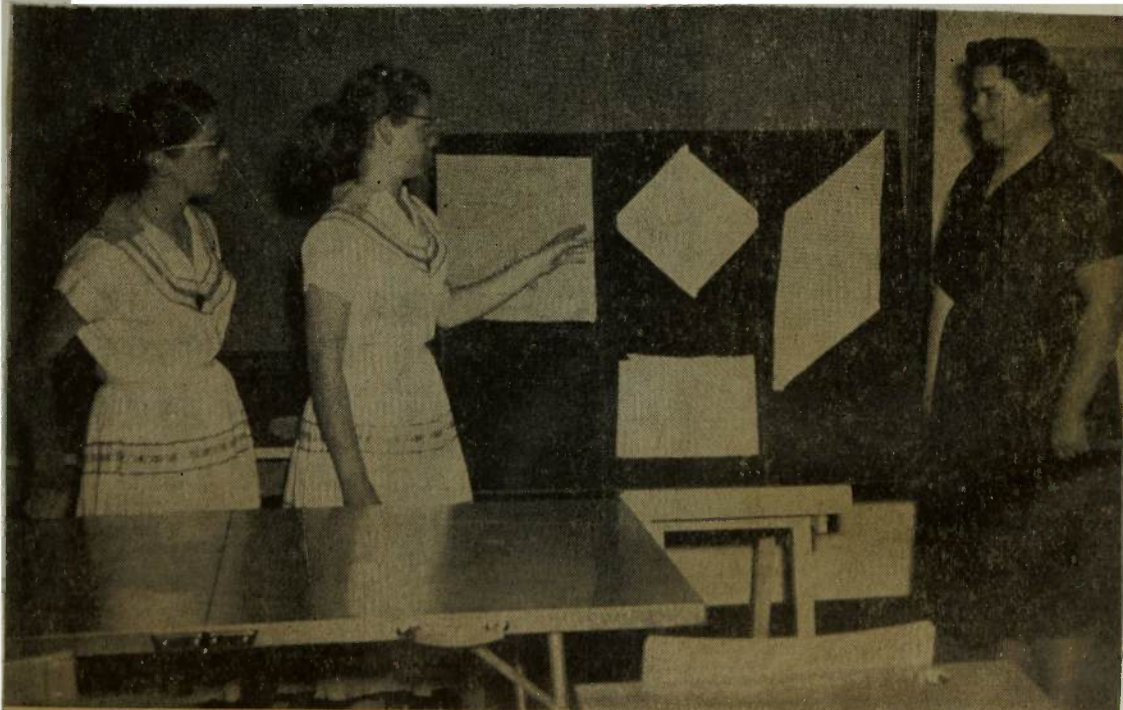
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PARADE OF PROGRESS—Poston 4-H'ers showed their club's accomplishments in a "Grand March" exhibit using individual projects to make up the display. The booth took top prize among the 4-H exhibits.



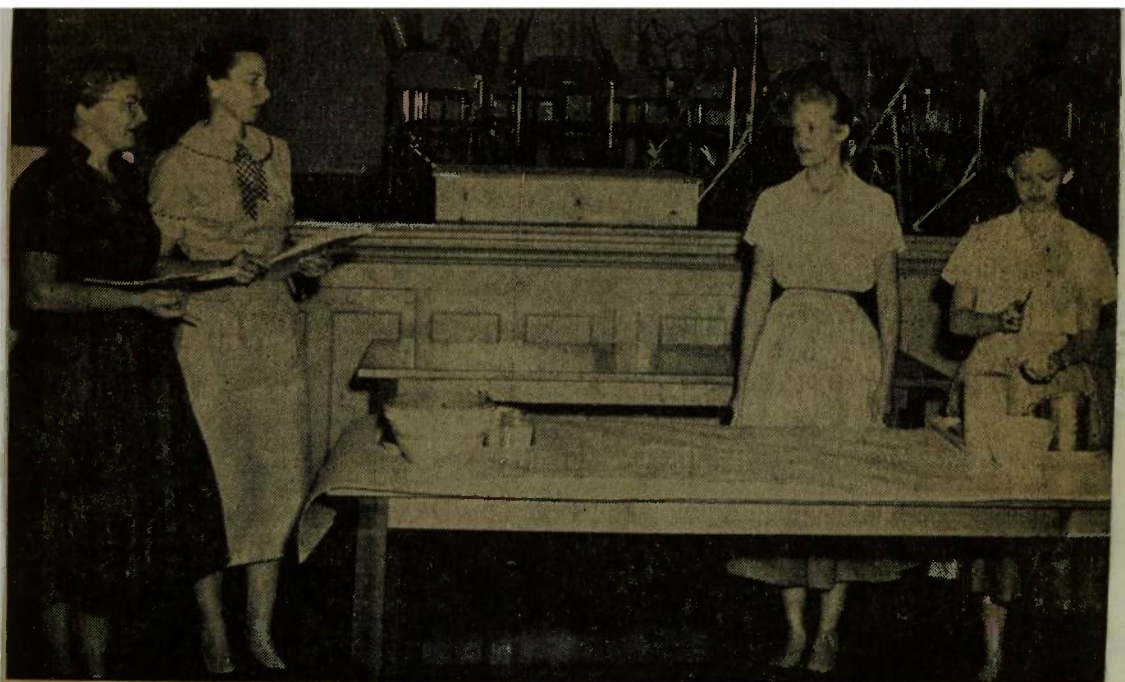
FOR THE JUDGE—Linda and Anna Lou Michner of the Somerton Junior Farmers and Homemakers show Sarah I. Harman, newly assigned Assistant State 4-H Leader their clothing demonstration. Miss Harman served as one of the judges for Saturday's competition.

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TEAM WORK—Armilda Golden and Beverly McDonald of the Busy Women Club show judges Mrs. Al Face and Mrs. Frank Pritchard their technique for making a golden layer cake. The demonstration took top honors in the Junior Team Food Preparation Division.



COOKING DEMONSTRATION—Ruth Young shows the proper methods of food preparation while Patty Oldham uses charts to explain the procedure during their home economics demonstration. The girls, who are members of the Hi Jolly 4-H club won a red ribbon in the senior division.

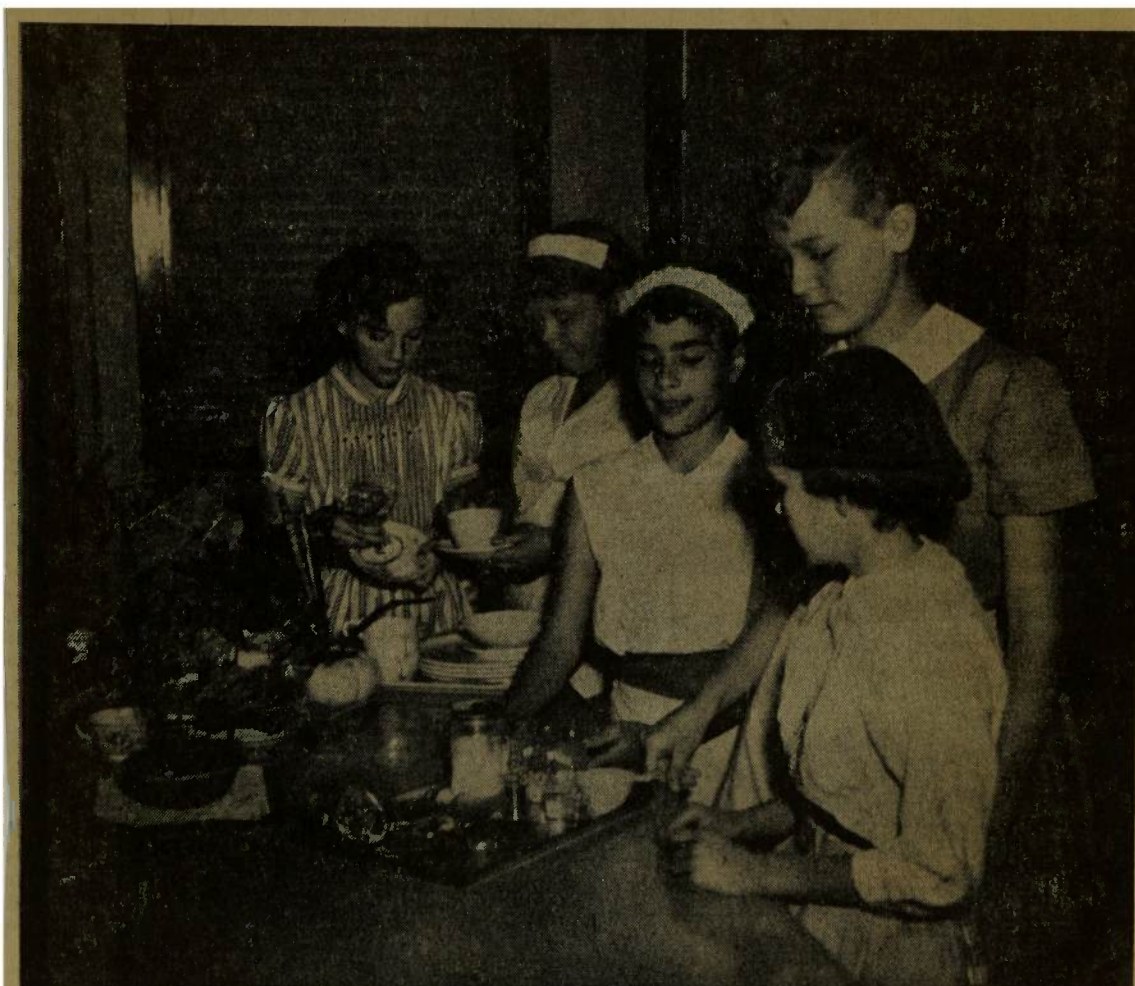
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GETTING READY—Busiest room at the Somerton Grammar School last Saturday was the "ready room" where contestants prepared their demonstrations. Getting ready to go on stage are Carole Dewhirst of Las Casaritas Club, Glenda Gann and Nancy Harman of the Somerton Junior Farmers and Homemakers, Barbara Oliver of Las Casaritas, and Betty Willis of the Yuma Mesa Rabbits.

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DAIRY FOODS EXHIBIT—Karen Carter (left) and Carol Barry, Yuma 4-H'ers show off their know-how in a dairy foods exhibition during the 4-H roundup. The girls won a blue ribbon for their teamwork in the junior dairy foods division.

HOME DECORATION—Cheryl Higgins of the Busy Women Club explains how a piece of material will be used in her demonstration. The demonstration entitled "Making A House a Home" won the Home Furnishings division.

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PIECE DE RESISTANCE—Iva Jones of the Roll Busy Bee Club won first place in the Junior Individual Food Preparation Division. Her demonstration on making a pie crust received a 98 point score.



EXPLANATION—Ruth Ann Moody of the Somerton Junior Farmers and Homemakers summarizes following her demonstration on how to remove stains from clothing. Ruth Ann showed how to take five hard-to-remove materials out of fabrics.

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Judging

In 1951 and 1952, Home Economic judging was, for the first time, not included with the Fair program, but was held as a separate event following the Fair. The following years, until 1956, the reverse was true, that is, judging contests were held on Saturday morning of the Fair week while demonstrations were a separate event.

During these years, judging rings were set up following the plan of those to be used at the Roundup. For example, in 1955, the clothing rings were as follows:

Aprons, Sewing Boxes, Blouses, Dresses, Pattern Fabrics and Findings. Juniors judged four sets and seniors four sets, the options being serving boxes and dresses. Written reasons, both Juniors and Seniors, were given for Pattern, Fabrics and Findings. Oral reasons were given for blouses and dresses.

In foods, the following sets of rings were judged: Biscuits, Muffins, Place Settings, Hard Cooked Eggs, Butter Cakes. Juniors judged four sets and seniors four sets, the options being biscuits and cakes. Written reasons were required for menus, both Junior and Senior. Oral reasons were required for muffins (juniors) and cakes (seniors). Results were tabulated and ribbon awards made at the Awards Assembly the last day of the Fair.

The difficulty with having the County Judging contest during Fair week has been two fold:

1. Saturday has been the big day for 4-H Agricultural judging, exhibits and the auction sale. There were, therefore, insurmountable conflicts.
2. There was no available time for 4-H member preparation in judging prior to the Fair.

For these reasons, it was voted by the County 4-H Council to separate the judging contest as well as the demonstration contest from the Fair.

During May of 1956, the Home Agent held four County meetings on judging. Both for preparation and for operation of these meetings, the Agent was assisted by Assistant Home Agent, Bettie Mead. At one meeting, she was also assisted by Ray Weick, Assistant County Agent in charge of 4-H Club work.

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It should also be told that both Miss Helen Church, State Clothing Specialist, and Miss Grace Ryan, State Home Management Specialist, gave specific 4-H judging instructions in the County during the year as follows:

After school on Wednesday, February 22, second year clothing and higher 4-H'ers from the southern part of the County were invited for a meeting with Miss Church. Mothers and Leaders were included in the invitation. They came sixty-seven strong and Miss Church spent more than an hour explaining Clothing techniques to them.

During the first week in May, a leader meeting on 4-H Home Furnishing judging was held with Miss Ryan in charge. Since Home Furnishing has not been included in the County judging program in previous years, this meeting helped a great deal in acquainting the leaders with just what is expected in Home Furnishing judging. Subsequently, leaders held meetings with their respective club groups.

On May 11, the Home Agent journeyed to Parker where she joined Mrs. Mae Baldridge, Indian Service Home Economist, for a 4-H Judging Contest for members in the northern part of the County. The Contest included Junior and Senior judging in Food Preparation and Clothing. Rings were set up to conform to the preliminary announcement for the Roundup. After results were tabulated, five girls were selected for judging at the Roundup.

On May 26, the contest in the northern part of the County was held. Rings were set up for Junior and Senior Clothing, Food Preparation and Home Furnishings. After compiling results, five judging teams were set up to represent the County at the Roundup.

In 1957, preparation for the County contest has been confined to individual clubs with both Agent and Leader supervision. Instructions were prepared, mimeographed and sent by the Home Agents to all 4-H Leaders. This material was used for individual Club study.

On May 25, 1957, the County 4-H Judging Contest was held at the Arizona Public Service auditorium in Yuma. Notices of the contest were sent to all Home Economics 4-H'ers in the County and their leaders. Forty 4-H'ers were present in addition to which there were a number of leaders. Rings for Junior and Senior Food Preparation and Junior and Senior Clothing were set up previous to the contest conforming in plan to judging rings for the State Roundup.

The week following the contest, Home Furnishings rings were set up for the Senior Home Furnishing 4-H girls. From this, a Home Furnishing team was selected.

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Teams selected from the contests were Junior Clothing, Senior Clothing, Junior Food Preparation, Senior Food Preparation, Senior Home Furnishings. It was later necessary to make some substitutions because of girls not being able to attend Roundup or because of conflicts.

Sweepstakes

In 1957, as in previous years, Sweepstakes were determined by the number of points earned by each 4-H member. Each blue and each red ribbon represented a given number of points. White ribbon received no points.

Home Economics winners in the individual sweepstakes awards contest were:

Senior - Elva Warner, Crane

Junior - Karen Carter, Yuma

Club Sweepstakes were determined by the average number of points accumulated per club member in the club. Winners in the contest were:

First - Crane Community Club

Second - Parker Community Club

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STATE WINNER—Miss Sandra Neese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Neese, models a lovely two piece ensemble which won for her state-wide honors at the annual 4-H Club Roundup at the University of Arizona last week. Miss Neese will vie for national honors at the 4-H Congress in Chicago this fall.

Miss Neese Wins State Honors at 4-H Club Roundup

Yuma was well represented at the 39th annual 4-H Club Roundup at the University of Arizona in Tucson last week by Miss Sandra Neese, who was named state winner in the dress revue contest.

Miss Neese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Neese, was chosen for this honor from a group of 25 entries throughout Arizona. The award was made during the recognition banquet, the final event of the four-day roundup on Friday, June 7.

← In November, Miss Neese will attend the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago where she will compete with other state winners for the national dress revue award.

Her winning creation was a two piece ensemble featuring a navy blue and white block-print, cotton sheath dress with a navy blue duster, lined with matching material. Each entry modeled her own creation.

A junior at Yuma Union High School, Miss Neese is active in school affairs. She is a member of the Lyers Club, Future Homemakers of America, Drama and Pep Club.

4-H Club leaders who assisted Miss Neese were Mrs. Alice Rushin, Mrs. Vonda Golden and Mariel Hopkins, county agent.

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Roundup

The 39th annual 4-H Roundup was held on the University campus June 4-8. Yuma County had a total of 51 delegates. Thirty-one of these were girls and, of these, twenty-eight were in the Home Economics competitions. Delegates and awards which they received are as follows:

JUDGING

Jr. Clothing:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|----------|
| Kathie Dewhirst | - | |
| Sandra Johnson | - | no award |
| Dinah Eddy | - | |

Sr. Clothing:

| | | |
|-------------------|---|----------|
| Margaret Schott | - | |
| Sandra Neese | - | no award |
| Anna Lou Michener | - | |

Sr. Home Furnishings:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|
| Margaret Schott | - | |
| Nancy Bobersky | - | 3rd Place |
| Cheryl Higgins | - | |

Jr. Foods:

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-----------|
| Patty Perry | - | |
| Caroline Reynolds | - | 3rd Place |
| Barbara Oliver | - | |

Sr. Foods:

| | | |
|------------------|---|-----------|
| Margaret Holtsoi | - | |
| Carolyn Curtis | - | 3rd Place |
| Betty Whitson | - | |

DEMONSTRATIONS

Jr. Foods Team:

| | | |
|------------------|---|-----|
| Armilda Golden | | |
| Beverly McDonald | - | red |

Jr. Foods Individual:

| | | |
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| Iva Jones | - | red |
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Sr. Foods Team:

| | | |
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| Patty Oldham | | |
| Ruth Young | - | red |

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DEMONSTRATIONS (cont.)

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| Sr. Foods Individual: | Yvonne Whitten | - | red |
| " " " (bread) | Carolyn Curtis | - | blue |

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| Jr. Clothing Individual: | | | |
| Drenda Neese | - | | blue |

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| Sr. Clothing Team: | | | |
| Anna Lou Michener | | | |
| Linda Michener | - | | blue |

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|----------------------------|---|--|------|
| Sr. Home Furn. Individual: | | | |
| Cheryl Higgins | - | | blue |

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|-----------------------|---|--|------|
| Jr. Dairy Foods Team: | | | |
| Carole Barry | | | |
| Karen Carter | - | | blue |

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| Jr. Preservation Team: | | | |
| Brenda Wood | | | |
| Lucille Espino | - | | red |

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---|--|-----|
| Jr. Preservation Individual: | | | |
| Janie Rushin | - | | red |

DRESS REVUE

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------|------|
| Tailored Outfit | - | Rita Baxter | blue |
| Best Dress Costume | - | Sandra Neese | blue |

Sandra Neese was declared State Dress Revue winner and, as such, represents Arizona in the National Club Congress Dress Revue in Chicago November 28 to December 7.

"Make It Yourself With Wool Contest"

For five years, advanced Yuma County 4-H girls have taken part in the "Make It Yourself With Wool Contest" sponsored by the National Wool Growers Association. In 1952, at the contest at the State Fair, Myrna Ellis entered the senior division modeling a Firstman wool suit and top coat which she had made. Colors of her outfit were cinnamon, gray and old gold. She was awarded the portable sewing machine offered as a special prize by the American Woolen Association.

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"Make It Yourself With Wool Contest" (cont.)

In 1953, five Yuma County 4-H girls entered the contest. They were as follows: Charlotte Salyer, a Miron Wool Flannel outfit in plain powder blue combined with a shepherd's check in matching blue and navy; Marilyn Carlisle; a Cambridge Gray Flannel outfit consisting of a circular skirt and lined Eton jacket; Helen Faulkner, a Miron Wool Flannel outfit (same material as Charlotte Salyer's); Sandra Gaines, a wheat yellow wool crepe dress of very interesting design; Joan Koogler, a sport dressmaker suit with a boxy lined jacket and a close fitting skirt.

Charlotte Salyer was the prize winner of the group. She was awarded sheer wool yardage for a dress.

In 1954, ten Yuma County 4-H girls entered the "Make It With Wool". They were as follows: Norma Baldridge, a Powder blue jersey dress and matching stole with black and white accessories; Joyce Barry, a Dusty Rose flannel dress and matching short jacket with black accessories; Mary Ellen Bobersky, a deep turquoise jersey dress with hand crocheted angora wool collar and hat band. Her accessories were black and white; Marilyn Carlisle, an imported grey flannel with hand embroidered dots in chinese red. Her accessories were navy blue. Helen Faulkner, a full length coat in frosted taupe lined, with avacado green milium satin. Her accessories were avacado green and brown; Margaret Faulkner, a swede wool suit of brown mixed with gold and grey. Laurene Harding, a sport full-length coat in heather tan. Her accessories were brown and orange. Susan Rohrbough, a full length coat in deep wine. Her accessories were black and teal. Charlotte Salyer, a royal red full length coat with a grey wool dress and black accessories. Betty Smith, a frosted blue short coat with red and grey accessories.

All girls were in the Junior division, in which Yuma County won three awards. Marilyn Carlisle won a trip to the National Contest in Salt Lake City, Utah; Mary Bobersky won a portable feather weight sewing machine; Betty Smith won wool yardage.

In 1955, plans for the contest were changed on the State level. A District Supervisor was appointed in the person of Mrs. Ellenore Face of Yuma and a State Supervisor in the person of Mrs. Mary Robertson of Tucson. As in years past, it was necessary for the Home Agent to take an active part as the actual instructor for entrants who were affiliated in any way with the Extension program. Four costumes were completed in time for the District contest in Yuma on December 28. Two coats, two suits and one dress were included in these costumes. The four contestants were divided, two of Junior age and two of Senior age, in the persons of Margaret Faulkner (4-H'er), Joyce Barry (4-H'er), Rosalie Robles (4-H'er) and Lois Pratt (former 4-H'er and Homemaker Club member).

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

1. Organization (cont.)

Sub Project D - 4-H Clubs (cont.)

"Make It Yourself With Wool Contest" (cont.)

At the State Contest, our two Senior division girls placed. Lois Pratt placed first and won the trip to the National contest in Fort Worth, Texas. Rosalie Robles placed second and received the portable Singer Sewing Machine award.

During the current year of 1957, the "Make It Yourself With Wool" State Contest was held on January 12. Representing Yuma County were two Senior and two Junior girls, all either present or past 4-H'ers. Two Junior girls placed in the State Contest as follows:

Elva Warner - Tailored Suit - Third Place

Sandra Neese - Tailored Suit - Fourth Place

This current Fall, there are a total of ten 4-H girls working on wool garments. The District Contest takes place in Yuma the latter part of December while both the State and National contests will be held in Phoenix in January of 1958.



WOOL WINNERS — Six Yuma County seamstresses modeled their own creations at Saturday's "Make It Yourself With Wool" judging in the Arizona Public Service Auditorium. The contestants were Susan Rohrbach, Mary Ann Rushin, Elva Warner, Sandra Neese, Bonnie Winnett, Judith McElhoney.

Yuma County Senior 4-H girls in the District "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest held in Yuma, December 29, 1956.

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

1. Organization (cont.)

Sub Project D - 4-H Clubs (cont.)

"Make It Yourself With Wool Contest" (cont.)



SKIRT ENTRIES in the Wool sewing contest were Cheryl Higgins, Margaret Schott, and Anna Lou Michener.

Yuma County Junior 4-H girls entering the "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest for the first time.

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1. Organization (cont.)

Sub Project D - 4-H Clubs (cont.)

"Make It Yourself With Wool Contest" (cont.)

Candidates for National 4-H Club Camp

This current year, as in previous years, saw good competition for the National 4-H Club Camp award on the County basis. From the records submitted, Elva Warner's record was chosen as the County winner. She, however, did not place as a State winner.

Recognition Event

The County 4-H Recognition Event was held this current year on Saturday, November 16. This year, for the first time, the banquet was dispensed with and the event was confined to a program followed by a social hour with simple refreshments. Approximately two hundred and fifty 4-H'ers, Leaders, parents and friends attended.

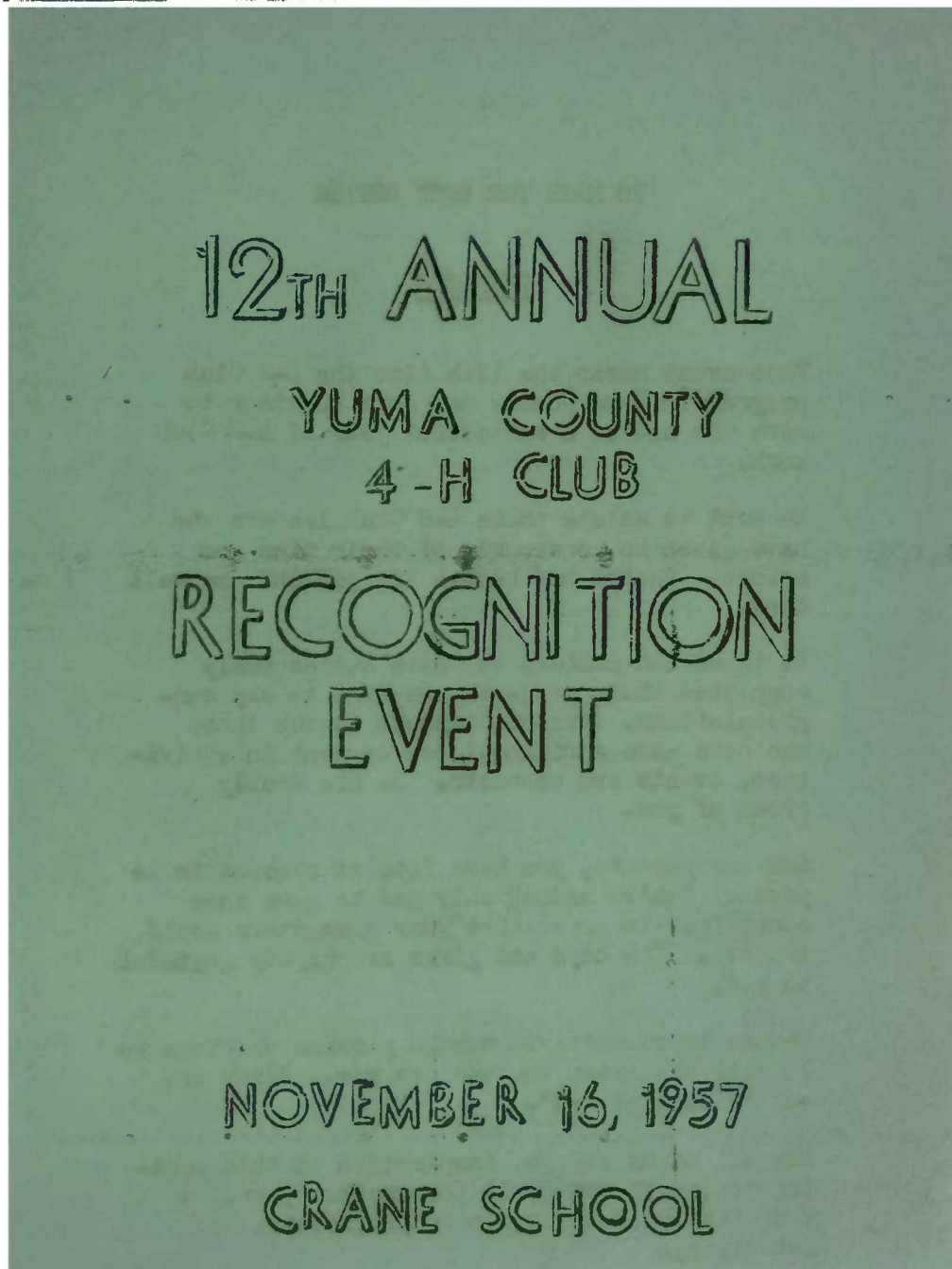
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Sub Project D - 4-H Clubs (cont.)

Recognition Event (cont.)



TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

COMMENTS

This event marks the 12th time the 4-H Club program in Yuma County has come together to mark the end of a successful year of 4-H Club work.

We want to salute those 4-H Club leaders who have given so generously of their time and effort. Theirs has been a big job and one well done.

To those 4-H members who have successfully completed their projects, we want to say congratulations. Further tribute is due those who have made additional achievement in activities, events and contests. We are doubly proud of you.

And our parents, you have lots of reasons to be proud. You've undoubtedly had to make some sacrifices in order that your youngsters could achieve. The boys and girls are mighty grateful to you.

Thanks to those civic minded persons who have so loyally supported the 4-H program. "They are our friends of 4-H".

May all of us use the inspiration of this meeting to launch our goals for another year. A year that will be even more progressive and satisfying.

PROGRAM

Welcome.....Gladys Alps, President
1956-57 4-H Ldrs. Assn.

Music.....by Choralairs.....Under direction of Mr.
Bob Frazier, YUHS Music
Department.

Introduction of Guests.....

Certificates of Leadership.....

Locally Sponsored Awards.....Local friends of 4-H

Music.....Choralairs

Nationally Sponsored Awards.....Local Representative

Introduction of 1957 State
Winners.....

Roll Call of Clubs.....

Introduction of 1957-58 Leaders
Association Officers.....

Candle Lighting Ceremony.....Yuma Co. Jr. Leaders

Refreshments.....Committee of 4-H Ldrs.

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Special Events

Each February brings a Silver Spur Rodeo to Yuma. The attending parade is an all-out community venture for the many youth and civic organizations. For a good many years past, there has been a 4-H Float in the parade. This year no one spear headed plans until shortly before the day. Then the President of the 4-H Council called the Agent saying that he had entered the Council for a float and asking for her help. So the Agent sat in on plans, ordered the necessary materials and supervised the building process, etc. It was a very attractive float built around the theme "Time for 4-H". The floor of the trailer was a huge four leaf clover, the skirt was white floral overall with green fringe around the bottom. On the sides in floral green was Head - Heart - Hand - Health. Across the back in green floral letters was the theme "Time for 4-H". In the center of the float was father time, one of our tallest 4-H boys in complete costume including wig and beard and leaning on a large scythe. In one corner was a 4-H boy with his pig, in another a 4-H boy tending his miniature garden, in the third corner was a 4-H girl sewing on a sewing machine and in the fourth corner was a 4-H girl with paint can and brush working on homemade book shelves. A nice color feeling was maintained even to the green tractor with orange trim that pulled the trailer and the squaw dresses of the girls, one of which was a matching orange and the other white. We received many favorable comments on the float in the parade.

The 4-H Barbecue was held, as on previous years, in the exhibit building at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. The date was March 2. Previously, committees had been worked out by the 4-H Council and the Leaders Association. The Home Agent had been assigned to serve as an ex-officio member of the ticket and publicity committees as well as the purchase and food preparation committees. She spent both Friday and Saturday working with homemaker groups in the Gadsden and Crane areas and with supervising work at the Fairgrounds.

The event was highly successful. There was an attendance of 1200. The meat was barbequed by Bill Power, a Crane 4-H Leader. All the food, including beans, sauce, salad, etc., was of high quality and very well served. In addition, the Leader's Association had a booth for homemade pies and a cake-walk dispensing homemade cakes.

A recreation program was also planned and carried out, supervised by the Assistant Home Agent and Leaders.

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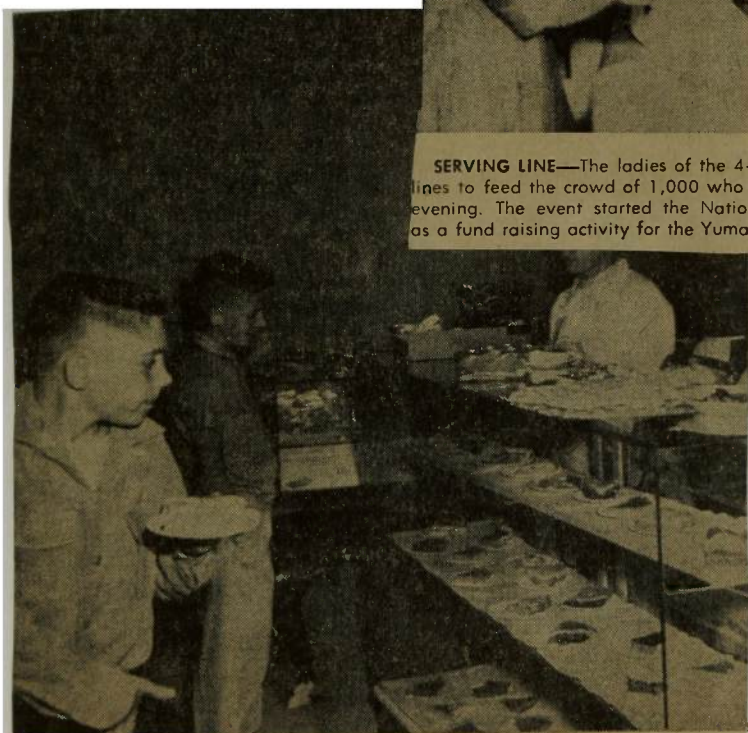
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Sub Project D - 4-H Clubs (cont.)

Special Events (cont.)



SERVING LINE—The ladies of the 4-H leaders operated four fast moving serving lines to feed the crowd of 1,000 who attended the annual 4-H barbecue Saturday evening. The event started the National 4-H Week celebration here and served as a fund raising activity for the Yuma County Council.



CHOICE OF DESSERTS—4-H'ers operated a pastry shop for those who wanted to supplement the standard menu of barbecue, sauce, salad, and beans available on the menu. Mothers and 4-H girls prepared an array of home-baked pies and cakes which were sold to add to the proceeds of the event.

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

1. Organization (cont.)

Sub Project D - 4-H Clubs (cont.)

Special Events (cont.)

At the invitation of Miss Helen Church, State Clothing Specialist, a very successful 4-H Simplicity Pattern Fashion Show was held on September 23. The 4-H Leader Council functioned in preparing for the event which included the Dress Revue, a table of fruit punch for refreshments, a table for distribution of pattern booklets from all the major pattern companies. 4-H girls served as models, as ushers as well as presiding at the punch bowls. The purpose of the event was to show 4-H'ers what the new styles for Fall and Winter would be. The Yuma Union High School Cafetorium was the place of meeting. The theme "Fashion Zodiac for the Modern Miss" was worked out in a back drop for the stage. Programs from the Simplicity Pattern Company and sent from the State office were passed out as guests arrived. One hundred and seventy five 4-H'ers, Leaders and mothers attended. The 4-H girls taking part did an excellent job and, all in all, it was a festive as well as very successful event.



4-H girls in the opening skit of "Fashion Zodiac for the Modern Miss".

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Special Events (cont.)



Six of the twenty 4-H girls who modeled costumes in the Fashion Show (wardrobe supplied by Simplicity Fashion Company).

4-H Camp

The 4-H Camp, as for five years past, was held on the Church Conference grounds near Prescott. This year, instead of a State Camp, it was a two-County Camp -- Maricopa and Yuma counties. The name coined for the Camp was "Operation 4-H Maycosa".

The Assistant Home Agent represented the Yuma County Home Economics staff. Her responsibilities included supervision of the kitchen (including purchasing of the food and serving of it) and teaching a 45-minute class each day on Parliamentary Procedure.

There were 134 persons at Camp. This figure included 4-H Junior members, adults and Junior Leaders, cooks and Extension personnel.

From all reports, the Camp was unusually successful. It certainly has served to strengthen 4-H bonds for all who attended.

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4-H Camp (cont.)



PLANNERS—Adult and junior leaders of the Yuma County 4-H clubs confer on plans for the annual summer camp which starts next week. The group, who will head various phases of camp activity include (seated left to right) Esther Massey, Jo Sachak, Garrett Blackwell, Bert Steinbach, Cheryl Higgins, Wayne Meyer, Roger Frauenfelder, Beryl Burt, Gary Meyer, and (standing left to right) Vincent Schulte, Gladys Alps, Carl Baldrige, Ray Weick, and Sue Rohrbaugh.

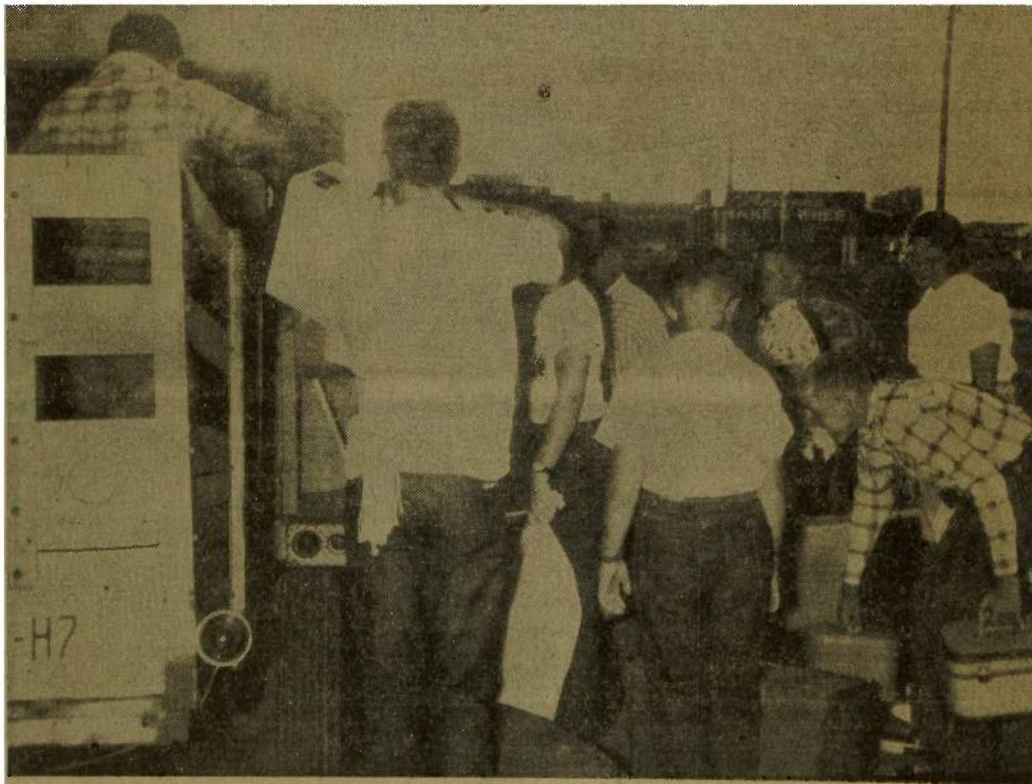
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4-H Camp (cont.)



BAG AND BAGGAGE—Yuma County 4-H Club members load their baggage aboard a bus, which will carry it to Prescott and the Yuma and Maricopa 4-H encampment there. Fifty-nine

Yuma County 4-H'ers, their junior and adult leaders and instructors, left Yuma at six a.m. Monday morning for the one-week outing.

(Sun Staff Photo)

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4-H Camp (cont.)



ALL ABOARD -- Their baggage loaded and good byes said, the 4-H'ers clamber aboard bus to begin long ride to Prescott. Mrs. Laura Kil-

man is the bus driver and Yuma Producers Co-operative Association handles baggage and equipment transfer. The kids are due back Saturday. (Sun Staff Photo)

Leader's Conference

Approximately 170 persons -- 4-H Leaders, Junior Leaders and Extension personnel, attended the 9th Annual Leader's Conference, August 26-30. Yuma County's Extension personnel was represented by Ray Weick, Assistant County Agent in charge of 4-H Club work, and Beryl Burt, Assistant Home Agent.

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Sub Project D - 4-H Clubs (cont.)

Leader's Conference (cont.)

The theme of the Conference, "Today's Challenge--Tomorrow's Citizens" was given many interpretations by the speakers present. Among those offering challenges were E. W. Aiton, Director, 4-H Clubs and YMW programs, Federal Extension Service, who spoke to the Leaders regarding "Your Role as a 4-H Leader" and who also discussed the trends in the national program, mentioning that we must realize that 4-H is urbanizing more and more.

Mr. T. W. Thompson, Service Director, National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, discussed records, record keeping and the duties and functions of the National Committee.

The State staff and County Home Agents also participated in the program. Workshops in four areas were offered each day: Recreation Leadership, Song Leadership, Enamel on Copper, Party Favors and Decorations. Betty Jo Nelson and Beryl Burt conducted the one on Favors and Decorations.

As in previous years, the Conference took place on the Arizona State College Campus, Flagstaff.

4-H Home Economics Leader Training

Home Economics Leader Training has taken the following form in 1957:

(1) Home Agents have worked individually and in groups as the need arose explaining project techniques as well as program activities, kits of illustrative materials for clothing projects and home furnishing projects have been prepared in the County office and have been in constant use by leaders.

(2) State Specialists have been in charge of meetings in their special fields during the year.

February:

While Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, was in the County three 4-H leader-mother and member meetings were held on the subject "4-H Clothing Judging" as follows: Yuma, Somerton, Mohawk Valley. This was done in an effort to reach as nearly all clubs as possible.

The meetings included a question and answer period on specific clothing techniques

March:

An all-day leader meeting was held in Yuma with Miss June Gibbs, Extension Nutritionist, in charge. Food projects in general were discussed at the Yuma County Fair in April.

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4-H Home Economics Leader Training (cont.)

October:

An all-day leader meeting was held in Yuma with Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, in charge. Home Furnishing projects, from the first to the advanced years, were explained. There was also a question and answer period.

The Assistant Home Agent has served as a stand-in for the Clothing Specialist in the Parker area. In February, she met with leaders in the interest of 4-H Clothing and again in September covering Clothing I, II, III and IV projects.

4-H Home Economics Judging Training

The need for judging training in 4-H Home Economics project areas was met in two ways in Yuma County.

(1) During the time that the state specialists were in the County, training meetings were held in their respective fields. Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, conducted three 4-H Leader-Mother-Member meetings on the subject "4-H Clothing Judging". These were held in the communities of Yuma, Somerton and Wellton-Roll in an effort to reach nearly all clubs as possible.

Miss June Gibbs, Extension Nutritionist, in March, discussed food judging and in October Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, covered judging techniques in Home Furnishings.

(2) The Agents then worked with clubs and communities in better developing the judging ability of the 4-H members.

Instructions were prepared, mimeographed and sent by the Home Agents to all 4-H Leaders. Time was also spent before the County judging contest in reviewing judging methods and techniques with the contestants.

Sub Project E - Reports

Reports from the Home Agents' offices take the form of:

(1) A weekly report from each Agent

(2) A monthly narrative and statistical report submitted by each Agent. This is to be changed beginning December 1, 1957 when a joint Home Agent monthly report will be submitted. The Agents have calendar outlines where they write down appointments, make notes concerning meetings, etc. Reports are largely made from these calendars.

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XIII Nutrition

In no phase of Home Agent work are the effects of a long term program more evident than in nutrition. Requests for assistance come from what communities have learned to be important, sometimes extending many years back. For this reason, it seems hardly fair to tell of one years work in nutrition without going back for at least a brief account of teachings and accomplishments in previous years.

Two decades ago, Yuma County, through the Home Agent service, had an intensive course in child care. The Agent is still feeling the influence of this course and from time to time, she receives requests for the literature from the Children's Bureau in prenatal, infant and pre-school child care.

The long established custom of giving advice on food preparation means that the Agent is called on for advice in all phases of food preparation from supplying recipes to interpreting results.

Three factors have always influenced the growing of home vegetable gardens in Yuma County as follows: character of soil and water supply, climate, proximity of commercial vegetable growers. In a large portion of Yuma County, the soil is salty and does not lend itself to the growing of a variety of produce. Irrigation systems furnish water for comparatively large areas but are difficult to adjust for small areas such as a home vegetable garden. The growing season extends for the entire year with possible exception of two months in the extreme heat of the Summer. Because of commercial truck gardens, Yuma County markets are abundant in both variety and amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables and at a cost less than that of production on a small scale. In short, the growing of home vegetables and fruits is not generally practical in Yuma County. There are, of course, certain exceptions.

Sub Project A - Food Production

Always, the Home Agent program in Yuma County, in all phases of Food Production, has been subsidiary to that of the County Agent. 4-H garden and poultry projects are supervised by the Assistant County Agent.

Sub Project B - Food Preservation

A part of the Home Agent's time each month of the year is occupied with dispensing information on food preservation. This is because food material grows in Yuma County the year round.

However, this presence of fresh food materials has made Yuma County not one which cans or freezes heavily. The practice is to preserve the surplus which occurs and to use it to supplement the fresh vegetables and citrus fruits of the long growing season. Such fruits as apricots, peaches, pears, plums, cherries do not grow to any extent locally.

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

XIII Nutrition (cont.)

Sub Project B - Food Preservation (cont.)

The last decade has seen a decided decline in canning in favor of freezing as a method of food preservation.

One thing should be mentioned here and that is the influence 4-H Club work has had in spreading up-to-date information on packaging for freezing. Some of the girls have worked up excellent demonstrations and in the process of so doing, have become very well informed, along with their leaders, on the subject. It has created an authoritative source of information in at least six county areas.

In canning, the 4-H program has also helped the spread of influence. This current year, at the County Fair, there was a nice representation of entries in canned vegetables and fruit, in fruit jellies and in pickles. There were also food preservation demonstrations prepared for the County demonstration contest.

The Home Agent this current year, as in previous years, has received many requests for information on all phases of food preservation. These, of course, have all been answered.

The Assistant Home Agent presented a program on food freezing in April of this current year to the Pioneer Homemaker Club.

Sub Project C-Food Selection and Preparation

Work in food selection and preparation falls into three classes as follows:

1. Project work with adults
2. Request work with adults
3. 4-H Club work

Project Work With Adults

In 1950, Miss Reva Lincoln, Extension Nutritionist, conducted two leader meetings in the County as follows: "Meals that Can Wait", "Salads from Locally Grown Products". In the former, a "Master Mix", "Roux", etc., were used in the preparation of an oven meal, a broiler meal, as well as top stove dishes.

In 1951, Mrs. Elsie Morris, Extension Nutritionist, conducted an all-day leader meeting on "Food for Entertaining". The morning was spent in discussion and demonstration, after which the group divided for actual preparation of a noon day buffet meal designed for entertaining. Powdered milk was used in abundance. Foods prepared included: a center-piece of

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

XIII Nutrition (cont.)

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Project Work With Adults (cont.)

an egg plant, tooth picks stuck with carrot curls, baconettes (broiled bacon curls with peanut butter), olives and cream cheese pecan halves, Chile Rellenos, broccoli and cauliflower salad on romaine, pine-wheel biscuit, cocoa with powdered milk topping, ambrosia, scotch toffee.

The largest carryover from this work has been the increased use of dry skim milk as a supplement to whole milk.

In 1952, a County all-day meeting on "Good Breakfasts" was held. Laboratory phase of the meeting was the preparation of foods which the class members served as a noon brunch. Foods prepared were as follows: Fresh Fruit Centerpiece, Spoon Corn Bread and Bacon. Dried non-fat milk was made up and served ice cold for the beverage. Coffee was also served.

The discussion phase of the meeting centered around a general explanation of the nutritional needs for a good breakfast. Emphasis was placed upon the importance of milk in the diet.

In June of 1953, two leader meetings were held, one for the benefit of clubs in the southern part of the County, the other for clubs in the northern part of the County. The first of these meetings took the form of a workshop on the "Role of Protein in Safe Reducing", with Mrs. Elsie Norris in charge. A delicious, low-calorie, high protein luncheon was served at noon to all present. The afternoon was spent in establishing correct weights for all present and in formulating teaching procedures to be used by leaders at club meetings. A similar meeting was held in the Parker area with leaders from the Parker Women's club and from Poston No. 1 and Poston No. 2 centers in attendance.

During the 1953 year, Mrs. Elsie Morris was in the County for leaders meetings on "Bread Enrichment". A leadermeeting was held at Parker. This was for the benefit of club representatives in the northern part of the County. A similar meeting was held at the Agent's home for the benefit of club representatives in the southern part of the County.

At both these leader meetings, there were requests for meetings on yeast rolls. Since the Specialist's schedule did not permit her returning to the County for further meetings, the Agent handled the requests by demonstrations before individual clubs in the southern part of the County. For the northern part of the County, she held a leader meeting.

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Project Work With Adults (cont.)

At the Easter season in 1955, Homemaker Club members wanted to make Hot Cross Buns. Accordingly, the Agent gave a demonstration showing all steps of procedure.

In 1956, we were without a State Nutrition Specialist. As a result, most of the adult nutrition program was of a request nature. One exception, however, was work on "Food for Health" in response to the program planned by the County Homemaker Council. The Agent received literature from the State Office as well as the University Library to use as source material in formulating a series of articles on the subject for her regular weekly column for the Yuma County Farmer. She also prepared an abstract of current scientific articles designed to help teen-age boys and girls with complexion problems. This latter was put directly in the hands of our senior age 4-H'ers. It was also used in discussion with all adult homemakers clubs.

While no effort has been made to tabulate results from this work, the Home Agent has observed many good results among teen-agers during this current year. Several girls have had remarkable skin improvement. The help has come, not entirely from the subject matter given. Girls have had brought to their attention the necessity for really working at the problem. They have sought the help of medical physicians and, all in all, have accomplished real benefits.

The week of March 18, 1957, Miss June Gibbs, Arizona's new Extension Nutritionist, made her first official visit to Yuma County. She was very well received by all and leaders as a whole felt that she did a fine job. She was well prepared and sincere in the subject matter she presented and all the women enjoyed her personally very much.

In company with the Assistant Home Agent, she had a workshop with women in the Parker area on "One Dish Meals".

In the southern part of the County, a Leader meeting was held in Yuma with the Home Agent making the necessary plans. The subject, which had been previously chosen by the Homemaker Council for the meeting, was "Clever Buying" or "Getting Your Money's Worth Out of Your Food Dollar". It took the form of an illustrated talk or discussion. Miss Gibbs followed the outline:

- (1) Interesting Items on Today's Foods Cost
- (2) Major Nutrients, Their Functions and Best Sources
- (3) Weekly Food Quantities for a Good Diet - Age Sex - Group Activity
- (4) Forgotten Foods, right stretching of food dollar
- (5) Comparative food costs - pkg. foods - processed and elaborated foods -

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Project Work With Adults (cont.)

fresh foods, etc. Eighteen homemakers attended representing eight communities. The work has since been given back to all communities represented.

Request Work With Adults

As in previous years, during December the Home Agent had many requests for recipes for holiday foods. In addition, three Christmas work meetings were held, meetings which have become a tradition with the clubs in question.

At these meetings, Club members bring candy made from their favorite recipes. Then, the day is spent in making Christmas sweets and it is all prorated among the members present. In this way, each member has a good supply to store away for Christmas day. Clubs included in these meetings were: Gadsden Homemaker Club, North and South Gila Homemaker Club, Pioneer Homemaker Club.

Miscellaneous meetings on Food Selection and Preparation during 1957 with either the Home Agent or the Assistant Home Agent in charge include: Nutrition Up-To-Date, Tea Table Refreshments, "Basic Seven", Jelly Making, Salads for the Family.

The Gadsden and the North and South Gila Homemaker Clubs have held pre-Thanksgiving meetings at which the Home Agent has demonstrated the making of individual cakes. These meetings have included a cookie exchange resulting from each club member bringing a batch of her favorite homemade cookies.

Before leaving the subject of nutrition work with adults, special mention should be made of the following: While at Annual Extension Conference in October, Miss Gibbs, the Extension Nutritionist, gave each Home Agent a compilation of up-to-date material on Foods and Nutrition. These were substantial volumes compiled by Miss Gibbs to help make reference material of ready access. Both Yuma County Home Agents have since found the volume excellent source material for supplying information, etc.

Sub Project D - 4-H Foods

Project work in 4-H Foods is largely concentrated into the months September through June and is highlighted by:

1. Enrollments
2. Explanation of project requirements
3. Leader assistance
4. County demonstration contest
5. County Fair
6. State Roundup

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Sub Project D - 4-H Foods (cont.)

Most of this has been covered previously in this report. A few things, however, may be added: In preparation for the County 4-H demonstration contest held March 16, the Agent mailed to club leaders and members suggested subjects and sample outlines for demonstrations. As in previous years, 4-H Clubs showed a preference for Food demonstrations. Subjects selected included: Level Measurements, Table Setting, Preparing Grapefruit, Toast, Baking Powder Biscuit, Sandwiches, Muffins, Cake, Pie Paste, Eggs, Meat Balls, Cookies, Yeast Rolls, Frying Chicken, Salads, Dish Washing, Cheese Cake, Cream Puffs, Jelly Making, Preserves.

At the State 4-H Roundup in June, 1957, Yuma County had the following foods demonstrations:

- (1) A Junior Dairy Foods Demonstration team-- subject, "Cream Puffs, a Dairy Foods Surprise"--girls, Carole Barry and Karen Carter of the Cook 'n Chuckle Club--blue ribbon winners.
- (2) An individual Bread Demonstration--subject, "Um, Better Than Grandma's Bread"--girl, Carolyn Curtis, Crane Snip and Whip Club--blue ribbon winner.
- (3) Junior Food Preparation team--subject, "Making a Golden Layer Cake"--girls, Armilda Golden and Beverly McDonald of the Busy Women Club--red ribbon winners.
- (4) A Junior Individual Food Preparation Demonstration--subject, "Never Fail Pie Paste"--girl, Iva Jones of the Roll Busy Bees Club--red ribbon winner.
- (5) A Senior Food Preparation Demonstration team--subject, "Outdoor Cooking"--girls, Patty Oldham and Ruth Young of the Hi Jolly Club--red ribbon.
- (6) A Senior Individual Food Preparation Demonstration--subject, "Mayonnaise Cake"--girl, Yvonne Whitten of the Yuma-Mesa Rabbits Club--red ribbon.
- (7) A Junior Food Preservation Demonstration team--subject, "Making Strawberry Preserves"--girls, Brenda Wood and Lucille Espino of the Cook 'n Chuckle Club--red ribbon winners.
- (8) A Junior Individual Food Preservation Demonstration--subject, "Making Jelly"--girl, Janie Rushin of the Busy Women Club--red ribbon winner.

In judging at the Roundup, Yuma County had a Junior and Senior team in Food Preparation. The Junior team was made up of Patty Perry, Barbara Oliver and Carolyn Reynolds. The team placed third high among twelve County teams. Patty Perry had the highest score of the thirty-six contestants.

The Senior team was made up of Margaret Holtsoi, Carolyn Curtis and Betty Whitson. The team placed third high among eight County teams. Carolyn Curtis was third high of the twenty-four contestants.

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

XIV Clothing

Since the beginning of Home Agent work in Yuma County, more than three decades ago, clothing has been its strongest program. It is no wonder that there is now a nucleus of women who have learned many Home Economics Clothing techniques. These women are scattered throughout the County in all communities and act either formally or informally as adult and 4-H leaders. Because of the added demands made upon the Agent's time by an expanding program, the Agent has, whenever possible, for the past several years left formal instructions to these leaders. This has meant that there have been fewer adult demonstrations in clothing work given by the Agent than in previous years. The work on tailoring presented by the State Clothing Specialist during 1949 has greatly expanded the long-time program. In addition, there have for many years past been 4-H leaders meetings on Clothing techniques. For these reasons, it seems best to tell of the clothing program in its relationship to the teachings of other years.

Sub Project A - Selection

For a good many years, as market conditions have changed, selection of materials has been a repeat program. In 1942, "Identification of Fibers", was presented at a Leader meeting.

In 1947, new materials again appeared in the stores after the war shortage. Miss Helen Church presented work in the County on the use and care of new materials.

In 1948, a clothing leader meeting was held with Miss Helen Church in charge. The subject of the meeting was "Style Trends".

In 1949, the Tailoring School conducted by Miss Church included work on selection of materials.

In 1952, a kit on the new materials prepared by Miss Helen Church was sent to the Agent and was used by the Agent and Leaders for both 4-H and adult.

In 1952, a Leader meeting was held on Wardrobe Planning.

In 1953, Miss Church was in charge of a leader meeting on "New Fabrics".

A State Extension Sewing Machine workshop was held in Tucson the week of May 10, 1954, with Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, in charge. The Yuma County Agent attended. Standard machines of various makes, both shuttle and round bobbin, were supplied for each Agent and were systematically cleaned and adjusted. Each Agent was supplied with a poster outline of procedure to use for meetings in the County. Among the bulletin material was, "Buying Your Home Sewing Machine", USDA Home and Garden Bulletin 38. The Agent found good demand for this bulletin during all years intervening.

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In February of 1956, Miss Church was again in the County. This time, at the request of the County Homemaker Council, her subject for the leader meeting in Yuma was "Standards for Judging Clothing".

On February 21 of the current year, 1957, an adult Leader Training meeting was held. Miss Church's subject was "New Fabrics and Finishes". In preparation for the meeting, Miss Church prepared a mimeographed bulletin "Looking for the Perfect Fabric?" There was good demand for the bulletin both at the meeting and subsequently. Subject matter from the meeting has been given back to all eight communities represented by Leaders.

In May of 1957 and again in September, the Home Agent has served as a judge for Singer Sewing Machine Dress Revue contests. In both of these, some very fine outfits were entered and the judging was close.

The last of April of this current year, the Home Agent served as a judge for a garment making contest sponsored by the M. O. King Department Store in Yuma.

Sub Project B - Construction

Garment construction techniques have always been popular with Homemaker club members in Yuma County. During 1947, the chief achievement in this field was adoption of short cuts in sewing from a leader meeting conducted by Miss Church. She wrote a bulletin for this meeting entitled "Save Time By Short Cuts". The short cuts taught, have proven very popular all years since to the present and have been used not only with adult groups but with 4-H clubs as well.

In April, 1948, Miss Church initiated a program with Homemaker clubs on "Use of Sewing Machine Attachments". Subsequently, the Agent conducted similar meetings with all Homemaker clubs.

During 1948 and 1949, repeat demonstrations were given all communities by leaders. The Agent has had many opportunities to use information with individuals and groups in all subsequent years.

In 1949, a Tailoring School was held. Its teachings have since largely dominated the clothing program. A brief description is as follows:

In July, the Home Agent sent a letter to club representatives enclosing an enrollment card. As a result, there were forty enrollments representing all communities in the southern part of the County.

During October, Miss Church was in Yuma for two all-day meetings on suit making and two on coat making.

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Because of the tailoring school, thirty-six leaders, adults, and 4-H'ers have reached a higher level of accomplishments than ever before.

They have proven very helpful in building correct clothing procedures in their communities and will continue to do so for years to come. The Agent considers it a job extremely well done.

In May and June of 1950, there were leader meetings on pattern alterations. A total of one hundred and ninety-nine members altered patterns at meetings. For the follow-up meetings, a kit was left in the County by Miss Church and was used by all groups.

During 1951, pattern alteration work was carried on by leaders. In January of 1951, Mrs. Mary Robertson, Acting State Clothing Specialist, was in Yuma County for a series of three leader meetings. Two of these were for 4-H Leaders. The third was a meeting for Homemaker Club leaders. The subject was "New Techniques in Sewing" featuring placket finishes, cordings, collar and pocket finishes, belts, etc.

During February and March of 1952, Better Dressmaking Schools were held with Miss Helen Church in charge. Both 4-H leaders and adult club leaders signed up. At the first meeting, Miss Church showed slides illustrating style trends and steps to follow in beginning a better dress. They followed a demonstration on measurements and on pattern alteration. In March, forty-six women finished dresses as a result of the schools. The dresses were outstanding in design, workmanship and becomingness. Fitting problems had been expertly handled.

In October of 1953, Miss Church again came to the County for Clothing Construction work. This time, two leader meetings were planned, one for the northern part of the County and one for the southern part.

The leader meeting on "Dresses That Will Work For You", was held at the Parker Indian Agency. In addition to representatives from four organizations in Parker and Poston, a group of women from Quartzsite, Salome and Wenden were in attendance.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1953, a similar meeting to the above was held for leaders in the southern part of the County. The meeting was attended by eighteen leaders.

In January of 1954, the Clothing interest of all adult clubs centered around the making of "Dresses That Work For You". The Agent took the kit with her to all meetings which she attended and answered questions. In this connection, there were inquiries on tailoring techniques and the Agent offered bulletins on bound button holes and on stay stitching at all meetings.

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

XIV Clothing (cont.)

Sub Project B - Construction (cont.)

During January, February and March of 1954, "Dresses That Work For You" were being made in numbers in all communities. There was one drawback. The dresses were so popular that homemakers wore them, rather than saving them to enter in the County Fair in April. The Agent saw very pretty ones being worn wherever she went.

Two Homemaker clubs had workshops for making the dresses. Sewing machines and tables were brought from member's homes. The women divided into groups of two, taking each others measurements, making pattern alterations when needed and actually cutting and sewing on "Dresses That Work For You".

In 1955, the work of the Specialist in the County dealt with the subject "Making Western Shirts". Two full days work was required to complete instructions for each group. In the southern part of the County, a total of seventeen leaders representing ten clubs were trained. In the northern part of the County, a total of eight leaders from four communities were trained. The work has since been given back in all communities represented. Of course, western shirt making is a special interest project which limits its widespread adoption. As nearly as results can be obtained, the record of shirts made in the County as a result of these meetings is two hundred and fifty.

In 1956 and 1957, Clothing construction work has shifted in many instances to meetings with local leaders in charge. The Home Agents have, however, fitted into the program whenever requested to do so.

In February, two Clothing work meetings for Homemaker clubs were held by the Home Agent. These were request meetings for the purpose of making western shirts for the Silver Spur Rodeo. These were really follow-ups of Leader meetings held two years ago. There were certain points such as a collar, sleeve placket, etc.--details which the women were finding difficult. The meetings resulted in some shirts finished while others were finished at home. The meetings were very successful.

In February of the current year also, the Assistant Home Agent conducted a construction meeting for Indian women in the Parker area. To quote from her report:

"There were eight women in attendance. I taught sewing techniques and answered questions which the women had. Their main desire was to learn to cut a pocket and sew it into the side seam of a gathered skirt. They use no patterns and thus it seemed a major undertaking for them. We also discussed making belts, how to even the hemline of a circle skirt when it begins to sag and how to sew on nylon fabric. The women made samples of the pockets and belts to take with them. They were well pleased with the meeting."

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Sub Project B - Construction (cont.)

The Home Agent came in for many individual helps in garment construction in preparation for the County Fair. She conferred with the Fair Superintendents of the Women's division of the Fair working out details for the Clothing exhibit, etc.

During August, September, October and November of the current year, the Home Agent has spent time on Clothing Construction work with "The Make It Yourself With Wool" contest as the objective. These fall, of course, in request and special interest categories. Communities included have been: Gadsden, Somerton, Rood, Crane and Yuma. The work has included counseling with girls concerning materials, patterns, etc. She has also thrown open her home and supervised work sessions on out-of-school hours.

When making year book plans for Homemaker clubs this current year, the committees requested that we have some Christmas gift making work with special emphasis on aprons. Accordingly, the Home Agent sent for a book on "Aprons For All Occasions". In September, with the help of the North and South Gila Homemaker Club members, some eighteen aprons were selected for making. Then copies of these were mimeographed and assembled. The Agent drafted patterns from the diagrams in the book. They were mailed, one to each homemaker (they made their choice at the September meeting).

In October, an all-day apron work meeting was held at which women worked at cutting and making so called "necktie" aprons. The aprons made at home were modeled in a so called "Apron Revue". A similar series was held with the Gadsden Homemaking Club for their October and November meetings.

Sub Project C - Clothing Economics

While there has been no time for formal meetings with adult clubs in clothing economics during the current year, previous years work has had its influence and the Agent has answered many requests for information which have been taken care of.

For several years, Clothing economics was carried under the caption "Care of Clothing Series". The first of the series was "Identification of Fibres", the second was "Laundering Techniques", the third was "Dry Cleaning".

Later, the series branched out into Clothing Storage. The phase chosen was storage of shoes and sewing equipment and included a work meeting for making, among other things, portable sewing cabinets. These cabinets have proven very popular. The first year they were made in all Homemaker clubs. Since then, there have been numerous reports of sewing cabinets having been made.

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

XIV Clothing (cont.)

Sub Project D - 4-H Clothing

Regular 4-H Clothing club work, as in previous years, has largely centered around project completion. Preparation for special events has served to establish deadlines for these completions such as: the County Demonstration Contest, the County Fair, the State Roundup, the County Recognition Event.

Much of the current years 4-H Clothing accomplishments have already been told under (D) Program of Work (c) Project Activities. However, it may be well to fill in a few things chronologically. More and more, 4-H Clothing work and Adult Clothing work in Yuma County is a merge. Mothers of 4-H girls as well as leaders come to the Agents for information so that they can better supervise their daughter's projects and over a period of time practically all Clothing techniques have been dealt with. These mothers, in most cases, have sewing skills but as they say they want to be sure to know the "4-H way".

In December, 1956, most of the Clothing work of both Agents fell in the 4-H category. In addition to regular project work, 4-H contestants in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest required final supervision. It was truly a 4-H'er--Mother--Leader--Agent setup.

In January, 1957, there was step up of work in preparation for the Fair. This continued through February and March and until Fair dates in April. Again, this was truly a 4-H'er--Mother--Leader--Agent setup and took place in all areas north as well as south.

In addition to regular project work during these Winter months, there was emphasis on demonstrations preparing for the County contest in March.

In April, by way of result demonstration, the Clothing entries at the Fair were, on the whole, very good. However, a word of caution would seem to be in order. In spite of adult supervision, all concerned, judges included, need to better realize that in the main we're working with girls only ten to twelve years of age, girls who work with limited facilities not comparable with Home Economic laboratory setups. The girls are in the rapidly growing stage so that fitting problems are difficult. When considerable money has been spent for material, girls should be privileged to plan for growth in size of hem, etc. We want the girls to get real service out of the garments they have worked so hard to make--and they do work hard.

Dress Revues at the Fair, both the Pre Dress Revue and the Public Dress Revue, were well received. They always present difficulties that, unless planned to avoid, can well have serious consequences. The Public Dress Revue is particularly difficult because there are, at present, no dress room facilities at the Fair. The committee worked with the problem and finally brought about eighteen bed sheets from home--roped off an area--and made a dressing room. It worked quite well. However, some exhibits were hidden for approximately two hours, during which time there was a stream

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of traffic through the building. We have promise of this being remedied for the 1958 Fair.

In May came the County Judging Contest requiring time in preparation for both Agents.

In June Yuma County's results in Clothing contests at the State Roundup were very good. In demonstrations, we had two as follows:

- (1) Senior Demonstration Team--subject, "Cutting True Bias"--girls, Anna Lou Michener and Linda Michener of the Somerton Junior Homemakers--blue ribbon winners.
- (2) A Junior Individual Demonstration--subject, "Pressing"--girl, Drenda Neese of the Busy Women Club--blue ribbon winner.

In Dress Revue, there were two contestants as follows:

- (1) Tailored outfit--Wool Suit--Rita Baxter of the Gadsden Stitch and Cackle Club--blue ribbon winner.
- (2) Best dress costume--Sheath dress and duster--Sandra Neese of the Busy Women Club--blue ribbon and medal winner. Sandra will represent Arizona in the Dress Revue at the 4-H Club Congress the first of December.

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

XIV Clothing (cont.)

Sub Project D - 4-H Clothing (cont.)

After Roundup and during the Summer, work was begun with the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest culminating early in 1958.

In September, two Leader Training meetings were held at Poston for leaders in the Parker area. There was an attendance of three each day. The first day was for subject matter concerning Clothing I & II, the second meeting covered Clothing III & IV. The Assistant Agent was well aware that a thorough job could not be done in the short time allotted, but felt a little bit was better than nothing. Since there is a Home Economist at the Indian Agency, the Agent decided to discuss and demonstrate techniques which she felt would best help the leaders to help the girls turn out improved products. The Home Economist, Miss Massey, would then be able to assist them in general ways through the year.

So in each area the following was covered:

Clothing I:

- fabric selection - discussed
- needle case - discussed
- sewing box - actually made
- pot holder - demonstrated
- apron - discussed and pocket demonstrated

Clothing II:

- fabric selection - discussed
- garment protector - discussed
- blouse facings - demonstrated
- underarm finish - actually done
- darts - demonstrated
- plackets - demonstrated
- hems - actually done
- waist bands - discussed

Clothing III & IV:

- darts - demonstrated
- collars - actually done
- pockets - actually done
- belts - actually done
- bound buttonholes - actually done
- sleeves - demonstrated
- hems - demonstrated
- fabric selection - discussed
- pressing - discussed

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

XV Home Management

Sub Project A - Selection

Since a Home Management Specialist was added to the staff ten years ago in the person of Miss Grace Ryan, the Agent has observed a real advance in Home Management and Home Furnishing work in the County.

In the intervening years, the County has been covered by leader meetings with Miss Ryan in charge as follows: Kitchen Storage, Correct Lighting, Easier Housework, Buying Guideposts, Wall Accessories, Floor Coverings, Use of Space and Storage.

"Kitchen Storage" was first introduced by leader meetings in 1947 and 1948. The subjects of storage of small equipment as well as floor plans and arrangement of large equipment was covered. Since these meetings, there has been much accomplished in modernizing kitchens in all communities throughout the County. The Extension program can rightfully take credit for this either directly or indirectly. True, the initial work came at an opportune time when the entire County began to expand materially in agriculture and home life.

"Correct Lighting" was first introduced by leader meetings in 1950. Miss Ryan opened up a new field in lighting and its importance, her approach being to show the importance of correct lighting in the home to the maintenance of eyesight. Even to the present, the subject matter of these meetings is referred to at the Homemaker Club meetings. Again the work came at an opportune time because homemakers have been, as a result, receptive to the recent educational programs of the Utility Company and of 4-H. Three years ago, it was established that two hundred houses had made changes because of the meetings on "Correct Lighting". Since then, there has been, undoubtedly, much spread of influence.

"Easier Housework" was first introduced in 1953. The Home Agent afterwards sat in on some meetings when this subject matter was given back by leaders at club meetings. Particularly did they stress the physical effects of poor management. The high incidence of heart failure seemed to strike home. They stressed avoiding tools that tire you, facts about posture and good work heights. This was not a meeting where numerical results could be obtained. However, it has served a real purpose in making homemakers try for good management.

"Buying Guideposts" was first introduced in 1952. Guideposts for buying electrical equipment were (1) discussions based on family agreements (2) Shop the fields (3) balance money, time energy expenditures against needs and wants (4) will present wiring system carry equipment safely and satisfactorily (5) availability of repair service (6) dependability of manufacturer (7) safety.

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Sub Project A - Selection (cont.)

In care of equipment, pots and pans were studied for materials used, for efficiency of parts such as: handles, side handles, bail handles, covers, general good features.

"Wall Accessories" came the latter part of 1953. Leader meetings were made to adapt to the needs of homemakers in the southern part of the County and again to the northern part of the County. From these meetings, it has been estimated that two hundred and fifty homemakers and other individuals have been assisted in the use of accessories, as well as furniture arrangement.

"Floor Coverings" began in 1952 and by request was extended by meetings in 1954 and again in 1955. As a result of the 1952 meetings, two kits, one linoleums and one on cleaning rugs and upholstery, were in use in the County. One was entitled "The Rug and Carpet Picture" and the other, "Cleaning Carpets".

Because the greater part of the women in the Parker area are Indians, certain modifications were made in the subject matter and meeting procedure to meet their needs.

In 1957, a County Homemaker Club Leader meeting with Miss Grace Ryan in charge featured the subject "Use of Space and Storage". It was held in the kitchen auditorium of the Arizona Public Service building in Yuma. Fourteen leaders representing nine communities received the work and have reported it back. Final compilation results, however, have not been accomplished because of shortage of time. It will be included in the next Annual Report.

The subject matter was based on illustrative material showing things that could be either made at home or bought at small costs to make storage both more efficient and sanitary. This illustrative material made up two kits left in the County for future use. The work was also based on two bulletins as follows: "Storage for Your Home", Circular 202, Agricultural Extension Service, University of Arizona; "Closets and Storage Spaces", Farmers' Bulletin No. 1865, U. S. Department of Agriculture. These bulletins were given to the leaders for use at future meetings.

Other than Agent work in follow up of all subjects previously covered in Home Management selection, there has been some work on color harmonies with Homemaker clubs. The Home Agent has, in her office, a file of Leader meeting material from years past as well as this current year. Not a month passes but the Agents use this file for answering requests for information. In the above, perhaps the one most in demand has been the mimeographed material prepared by Miss Ryan on the "Rug and Carpet Picture". Homemakers have wanted the material as an aid in intelligent buying of carpets. There have been twenty-one such requests during the year.

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Sub Project B - Construction

In the field of "Construction", there have been leader meetings with Miss Ryan in charge on the following: Special Wood Finishes, Lamp Shade Construction, Draperies.

"Special Wood Finishes" was begun in 1949 and a series of two leader meetings were held. The subject matter for these meetings would fall under "Special interest", that is, not all homemakers find it feasible to repair or refinish furniture. However, bulletins written by Miss Ryan, entitled "Furniture Repair" and "The Finish Counts", continue to be in demand among Homemaker groups.

"Lamp Shade Construction" began in 1951 as a follow-up of the "Correct Lighting in the Home" series. Miss Ryan was in the County for two schools, of two day duration each. Mechanics of lamp shade construction were developed and each leader made her own lamp shade. Two mimeographed bulletins entitled, "Making Lamp Shade Patterns" and "Making Simple Lamp Shades", were prepared by Miss Ryan and distributed. This work has pretty much threaded its way down to the present. However, the last meeting held with the Homemaker groups was in March of 1955.

"Draperies" is the latest construction project to be done on a Leader basis. In May of 1956, Miss Ryan responded to the request made at the 1956 Program Planning meeting of the Homemaker Council and a Leader meeting was held in Yuma on the subject "Draperies". Eighteen leaders attended representing nine communities in the southern part of the County.

The work was deemed not practical for the Indian women so they were not included in the plans. After covering the subject thoroughly, Miss Ryan left a kit in the County for follow-up meetings. This had been used by all nine communities represented by Leaders at the meeting.

During the current year, drapery meetings have been held with Leaders in charge. The Home Agent has acted in an advisory capacity and, among other things, has distributed 54 copies of the bulletin "Tailor Your Draperies". The Assistant Home Agent held a meeting on unlined draperies with the Pioneer Homemakers group. It took the form of the club members preparing samples to take home. Since the subject of draperies falls under the category of special interest, Miss Ryan's subject matter will undoubtedly be used for years to come.

Homemaker clubs have been working with upholstery and slip covers for many years, so there is a good amount of experienced information on the subject in all communities. Because of a full program, the Agent now personally supervises work meetings only when it is to maintain standards.

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During the current year, the Home Agent was in charge of a request meeting at the Episcopal parish house on March 26 when two chairs and a davenport were slip covered. A goodly number of capable homemakers were present and results of the day's work surprised them all. A notice in the church bulletin the following Sunday said that it was an excellent job accomplished and one very much needed.

Also during the current year as part of their Summer program, the Pioneer Homemakers in Dome Valley included two lessons on textile painting. At the first of these meetings, the Assistant Home Agent outlined the procedure, reviewed color harmonies and assisted both in selecting and creating and cutting stencils for the actual work meeting.

The second meeting, the procedure was briefly reviewed, the technique of brushing the paint into the fabric was demonstrated and the women began. The articles made were of good design and color selection and were all useful to add a note of brightness to some otherwise dull room interiors.

Sub Project C - Economics

The Economic phase of the Home Management program has been a part of all project work in the County. During 1949, it was separated for special consideration when Miss Ryan was in charge of a leader meeting on buying techniques, the subject of which was "Outwitting the Dollar".

In 1951, work in "Laundry Methods" was begun with Leader meetings. By special request, one of these meetings was held in the Roll-Wellton area and the other was held in the vicinity of Yuma in the South Gila Valley.

In both cases, the meeting began with a wool blanket washing demonstration using the latest method developed for proper care of blankets.

In the afternoon, the functions of water softeners and detergents were further developed. The Leaders tested, for hardness, samples of water which they had brought. There was an explanation of built and unbuilt soaps and synthetics with a classified list of different brands. The blanket washed in the morning was combed after drying with the results that the blankets looked like brand new ones.

This work on Laundry Methods has been particularly helpful for Yuma County where hard water is a big problem. The Agent and Leaders have presented the work to all organized groups. Everyone has been enthusiastic about the value of the subject matter presented. To the Agent's knowledge, more than forty blankets were washed following the demonstration procedure in 1951.

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A questionnaire in the Fall of 1955 showed that there is now wide-spread use of Miss Ryan's method for washing wool blankets, that homemakers have adopted the practices to the place that it's now a commonplace. For three years, the printed bulletin, "Wash Your Blankets", University of Arizona Circular 215 written by Miss Grace Ryan, has served as review of the subject in all communities.

In 1954, a special leader meeting for clubs in the northern part of the County was held. Miss Ryan was in charge and the subject was "Short Cuts In Ironing". Copies of Circular 206, University of Arizona, "An Easy Way to Iron a Shirt", were left for follow-up meetings.

In 1955, Miss Grace Ryan again responded to the request of Homemaker clubs as expressed in their County Council Planning Meeting.

Two leader meetings were held--one for the southern part of the County and the other for the northern part. While her overall subject was "Easier Housework", because of the varied interests of the women in the southern and northern parts of the County, Miss Ryan handled the subject differently for two groups. In the first meeting, the work centered around work simplification from a health standpoint. Seven short demonstrations were set up and presented showing such principles as using the right tool, placing equipment within easy reach, simplifying or leaving out unnecessary motions, correct posture when working, etc. In the northern part of the County, the leaders tested their irons for evenness of heat and accuracy of thermostats. They also worked on correct bed making. For both meetings, Miss Ryan left a kit to be used in follow-up meetings. Subsequent to these leader meetings, the work was given back to all organized groups.

In May of this current year, a Money Management workshop was held on the University of Arizona campus with all Home Agents in attendance. The week's program was worked out by Miss Ryan and was excellent in every detail. After returning to Yuma County, the Agents reported the Conference's finding to all Homemaker clubs. However, they served to merely whet the appetite of those present. As a result, "Money Management" with emphasis on use of credit has been chosen for the 1958 Leader meeting.

While Home Management and Home Furnishings are special interest subjects and as such are chosen by a rather than all club members, yet there is evidence that more and more homemakers are using Extension material on the subjects.

In January of 1955, three Homemaker clubs featured programs on Home Management including a colored movie from Modern Talking Picture entitled, "Background

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of Home Decoration". The mimeograph material on "Care of Carpets" prepared by Miss Ryan was in real demand. There were requests for it by telephone, by office calls as well as at club meetings.

In February of 1955, a good program on Rug Making developed in the northern part of the County. The Agent requested help from Miss Ryan and she sent a kit of illustrative material and bulletins. As a result, more than twenty rugs were made by club members and many of these were exhibited at the County Fair.

Sub Project D - 4-H Club Work

The past five years have seen rapid growth, percentage wise for 4-H Home Furnishing work in Yuma County. While at present only eighteen and four tenths per cent of the Home Economic enrollments are in Home Furnishings, it does represent a marked increase. In addition, since Home Furnishing comes under the heading of special interest, girls who enroll are very apt to finish and the quality of their work as well as natural interest is above average.

Each year since and including 1957, Miss Ryan has met with 4-H Home Furnishing Leaders at least once and it has materially strengthened the program.

Highlighting the program of the past six years is the following:

- 1951 - Sandra Gaines of Roll was a delegate to the 4-H Congress in Chicago on the strength of her work in re-decorating her own room.
- 1952 - Joan Koogler of Yuma was a sweepstakes winner at the State Roundup for her demonstration "Using Color in the Home".
- 1953 - Joan Koogler of Yuma was a delegate to the 4-H Congress in Chicago on the strength of her outstanding "Room Improvement" work.
- 1954 - Rosalie Robles and Joan Koogler were sweepstakes winners at the State Roundup for their demonstration "Re-decorating Our Room at College".
- 1955 - Marilyn Carlisle of Somerton was a delegate to the 4-H Congress in Chicago and her outstanding work in Room Improvement helped win the trip.
- 1956 - Margaret Faulkner of Yuma was a delegate to the 4-H Congress on the strength of her work in Room Improvement.
- 1957 - No State medal winners. However, the number of Advanced completions (girls re-doing their room) more than doubled.

At the 1957 State Roundup, Yuma County was sorry not to be represented in the Senior Home Furnishing Contest. Since it was necessary to cancel Margaret Faulkner out at the last minute, there was not sufficient time for a substitute to make necessary preparations for the Contest which left us no alternative.

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Sub Project D - 4-H Club Work (cont.)

In demonstrations, we had one as follows:

Senior Individual Home Furnishing demonstration--subject, "Helping to Make a House a Home with Unlined Draperies"--girl, Cheryl Higgins of the Busy Women Club--blue ribbon winner.

The Senior Home Furnishing Judging team was made up of Cheryl Higgins, Margaret Schott and Nancy Bobersky. The team placed third among four teams entered.

XVIII Community Activities

Sub Project A - Related Agencies

The advent of the County Fair in 1953 changed somewhat Home Agent work with related agencies. It can be said that no agencies have dropped their support of activities but that adjustments have been made to meet the needs of the time. High on the list of supporting organizations are the Yuma Chamber of Commerce and the Yuma County Farmer.

Sub Project B - Conferences

Conferences attended by the Home Agent and Assistant Home Agent during the current year have been as follows:

Both Agents

December 3-7 - Forty-Second Annual Extension Conference - Tucson
January 30 - Home Agents Information Workshop - Tucson
March 8-9 - Home Agents' Workshop - Tucson
April 22-25 - Eleventh Annual Country Life Conference - Tucson
May 13-18 - Money Management Workshop - Tucson
June 4-8 - State 4-H Roundup - Tucson
October 21-25 - Forty-Third Annual Extension Conference - Tucson

Home Agent

September 26-28 - Cochise County Fair - Douglas

Assistant Home Agent

March 4-7 - 4-H In-Service Training - Tucson
July 13-20 - 4-H Camp - Prescott
August 26-30 - 4-H Leader's Conference - Flagstaff

The 42nd Annual Extension Conference began with a General Session at 9:00 AM on December 4. Following opening remarks by Director Pickrell, Dr. Harold E. Myers, Dean of the College of Agriculture, spoke on the subject, "Looking Forward". He stressed the importance of "oneness" for the Extension staff as a whole. His address was much appreciated.

"Your Information Program" came next with a panel shared by Robert Halverson,

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Assistant Agricultural Agent, Maricopa County; Robert Doan, Assistant Information Specialist; Joe McClelland, Information Specialist. Practical help was given for getting to the people and for using all resources to get the program across.

The afternoon General Session on Tuesday had for its subject, "Leaders and Leadership in the 4-H Program". Graham Wright, State 4-H Club Leader, was chairman. Speakers were Garrett Blackwell, Yuma County Agricultural Agent; Lucinda Hughes, Home Agent, Yavapai-Coconino; Alan Vincent, Pinal County Agricultural Agent; Ray Weick, Assistant Agent, Yuma County; Betty Jo Nelsen, Assistant Home Agent, Maricopa County; Dr. Ivan Shields, Extension Plant Pathologist. The subject was well handled by all speakers and the necessity for adequate and wise leadership was driven home.

The All Aggie Mixer after the General Session was a beautiful as well as impressive occasion participated in by the entire College of Agriculture staff as well as wives, etc.

Wednesday morning the General Session was continued. Speakers were Dr. Harvill, President of the University; Irene Fagin, Program Director, Agricultural Extension Service, University of California; P. V. Kepner, Deputy Administrator, Federal Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Dr. Simley, Professor, Department of Philosophy and Psychology. These people were all masters in their respective field and presented many practical suggestions for carrying on an Extension program.

Wednesday afternoon was divided into first, a general session when a symposium on County Fairs was held and a Home Agent Session when Miss Fagin again talked. Her subject was, "The Challenge of Home Demonstration Work". This served to acquaint us with the forward looking program in California where many adjustments are being made to meet changing conditions.

Thursday found us again in general session when the lead address was given by Mr. P. V. Kepner. His subject, "Extension Challenges". Dr. Robert A. Crowell, High School Visitor, showed us the necessity for clarity and patience in our teaching approaches in his "Clear, Only If Known". After recess, Dean John C. Clark of the College of Engineering talked to us.

In the afternoon, we heard from Dr. Emil Haury, Director, Arizona State Museum and Dr. Klenda Lynn, Head of the Department of Speech. After recess, Dr. George Campbell, Extension Economist, talked on the subject, "The Farm Problem".

While there is not time or space here to tell all the valuable ideas and information given, suffice it to say that each and every person on the program made a definite contribution to the cause of an improved Extension program in Arizona.

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Sub Project B - Conferences (cont.)

The Home Agents' Information Workshop was presided over by Joe McClelland, Information Specialist; Robert Doan, Assistant Information Specialist; Robert Halverson, Assistant County Agent, Maricopa County. From the helpful material presented, the following slogan developed: "Don't Fight it, Write it".

Program was as follows:

News Stories:

- Significance and value to program and homemakers
- Method of evaluating subject matter material
- Preparation of material for newspapers
- Workshop

Feature Stories:

- Preparation of material for newspapers
- Learning to recognize feature story material

Home Agents' Columns:

- When to use them
- What material to use
- Style
- Workshop

Radio & TV:

- Advantages of using
- Approach to station
- Specific problems

Circular Letters:

- Purpose
- Comparison to news articles and features
- Improvement

Printed Circulars:

Summary:

The Home Agents' Conference at the University in March covered the following major subjects: (1) The Home Demonstration Program (2) Program Planning for 1958 (3) This matter of reporting. Points discussed included:

- (1) Primary function of Home Agents is teaching
- (2) Work is based on problems of rural people
- (3) Basic overall objectives of Extension teaching do not change
- (4) Emphasis in Extension teaching methods do change
- (5) All available media should be used
- (6) Present trend is on long range program planning

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Better living and improved human relations for families are our major objectives. We try to build up an awareness on the part of homemakers of their problems and how the findings of research can be used to solve them. We believe we educate when people are encouraged to think and to make changes in their thinking and behavior.

I'm sure the conference was of mutual benefit to both the very new Agents who have joined the staff and to those who have been in the work for a period of years.

The 11th Annual Country Life Conference on the University of Arizona campus was a wonderful success from every angle except attendance. The Yuma County Home Agents tried earnestly to publicize the event and to secure delegates to attend. Many homemakers were interested in going and fifteen made active plans. However, at the last, one thing and another happened to prevent-- company for the Easter holidays--daughters and sons home for the Easter vacation--husbands working in the fields who had to be fed--some emergency sickness. In the final issue, Yuma County's delegation consisted of Mrs. Lillie McCain Smith, Mrs. Esther Allen, Beryl Burt, Assistant Home Agent, Mariel Hopkins, Home Agent.

We were very proud of the program contributions of Mrs. Allen. At the Conference Banquet on Wednesday evening, April 24, she gave an illustrated talk telling of her travels to the Fiji Islands. The general theme of the banquet program was "Visiting Women of the World". Mrs. Allen's description of the customs and living habits of these sincere but little-known Melanesian and Polynesian people of the South Pacific was very fine.

Two day-time panels were highlights of the Conference as follows: "What Should be the Educational Program for Young Women?", "On Being An American". All parts of the program were of superior quality..

The In-Service Training School "Money Management Workshop" held in May at the University, the Agent felt was the most helpful thing of its kind she had ever attended. It was planned and engineered by Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, and was a program of which anyone could be very proud. The chief speaker of the week was Dr. Starley Hunter, Specialist in Family Economics and Home Management, United States Department of Agriculture. Among others, she was ably assisted by Marion Stevens Eberly, Director, Women's Division, Institute of Life Insurance, New York City; Dr. Ruth C. Hall, Director, School of Home Economics, University of Arizona; Dr. Lauren Casaday, Director, Bureau of Business Research, University of Arizona; Dr. George W. Campbell, Agricultural Extension Service. Subjects covered included:

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Family Values, Goals and Needs, Family Resources, Methods of Teaching Credit, Use of Family Income, Making a Spending Plan, Business Centers and Record Keeping, Insurance Survey of Family Needs, The Economy in Which We Live, Family Use of Credit, Installment Buying.

The Yuma County Home Agent was made chairman of the Steering Committee or Home Agents' Panel. To summarize the Workshop, the committee did a skit devised to show how the material taught during the week could be used in the Home Agents' County program.

The State Roundup, as well as other out-of-county 4-H events, have been told previously under project activities - D (c). For that reason, they will not be retold here.

The 43rd Annual Extension Conference was a very successful event, both from the angle of subject matter and plans for the present and future.

Guest speakers from out of State were: Mrs. Kathryn Zimmerman, State Leader, Home Economics Extension, University of Missouri; Mr. Luke M. Schruben, Assistant Administrator, Federal Extension Service; Mr. William F. Calkins, Manager of Office of Agricultural Publications, University of California, Berkeley.

Mrs. Zimmerman, as a Home Agent Counsellor, made a big contribution. Her topics for discussion were as follows: "Building for the Future", "Our Responsibilities to Rural Families", "Evaluating Techniques for Reaching More Homemakers". Both Mr. Schruben and Mr. Calkins stimulated our interest for even better job analysis and made us feel the worthwhileness as well as scope of our work.

The University faculty contributed much to the program in the persons of: Dr. Richard A. Harvill, President, University of Arizona; Dr. John Williams, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education; Dr. Harold E. Myers, Dean of College of Agriculture.

Mr. William R. Mathews, Publisher, Arizona Daily Star, contributed much to the program with his "Report from Europe".

All in all, it was a wonderful Conference and one long to be remembered.

The trip to the Cochise County Fair in September was occasioned by the Home Agent being assigned to act as an official judge. This year, for the first time, she was asked to secure two qualified local homemakers to accompany her and help with the Home Economics judging. The plan proved very successful. The homemakers did a very conscientious job. They were prepared for the task by review with the Agent of material on judging sent from the State office. Their decisions seemed to be very well received.

D. PROGRAM OF WORK (cont.)

(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

XVIII Community Activities (cont.)

Sub Project C - Publicity

Publicity may be classified under two headings as follows: Newspaper, Circular and mimeographed letters.

1952 saw a change in newspaper publicity. Until January of 1952, the Yuma Daily Sun, which is the local paper, gave regular publicity to 4-H Club work as well as to other activities of the Extension program. The Home Agent shared with other staff members of the County Agent's office a farm page appearing each week in the paper. The Agent also contributed to a weekly column, which was sent by the County Agent's office to the Somerton Star, a paper published each Wednesday and with wide circulation in Somerton, Gadsden and surrounding valleys.

In January of 1952, the Yuma County Farmer came into being. Since then, the Agent has contributed a weekly column in the Farmer, which is used to dispense subject matter as well as news items.

During the current year, there have been mimeographed newsletters sent to all the homemakers mailing list as well as to the 4-H leader and member list.

Maribel Hopkins Says

By the Home Demonstration Agent



A letter came to my desk this week which should be of interest to every homemaker in Yuma County. For that reason, I'm repeating it here, asking that you not only read it carefully but that you act upon its request:

"As most of you have heard by now, the Fifth Annual Yuma County Fair is being held April 10-14 (Wednesday through Sunday).

"I would like to tell you of a new section for the Home Economics division of the fair. We think each of you will enjoy helping it achieve a permanent place in our fair and be a new idea for all fairs in Arizona, including the Arizona State Fair.

"This section combines the pioneer 'Make it do' spirit with the 'Do It Yourself' habit that has swept the country in recent years. And there's no denying that the home arts that have bolstered county fairs for uncounted years—canning, pickling, quilting and such like—are no longer the most popular home arts. But that does not mean that women aren't as interested in their homes as they were. It's just that needs—and

fashions have changed, and creative home artistry has changed also.

"The new section is called 'Creative Home Articles' and is for household items made of discarded or re-adapted materials. It is open to all—men, women, boys and girls—and has a dozen categories. They include such things as wall decorations, lamp shades, albums, scrapbooks or cook books, articles made from cans such as footstools, planters, wastebaskets, candles or candle holders, vases, articles made from styrofoam, homemade toys, and, of course, a miscellaneous category.

"Judging will be on the point system with 30 points for ingenuity, 30 for originality, 20 for attractiveness, and 20 for practicability. Since all of these articles will be creative they will not and cannot be judged against each other.

"Those of you who have never entered an item in a fair do not realize the thrill of achievement and accomplishment an individual receives from being awarded a ribbon.

"Fairs are for all to enjoy and it takes all of us to make them a success. Won't you help be a part of something new and different in our own Yuma County Fair and make an entry in this new department?"

"Official entry forms must be in the hands of the fair secretary not later than Wednesday, March 27, 1957. Fair premium books and entry forms may be obtained from the Yuma County Fair office or at the Chamber of Commerce building.

"We will also be glad to furnish each and every one of you with any further information you may desire.

"Signed — (Mrs.) Margaret G. Pritchard, Supt. Dept. Route 1, Box 587, Yuma, Arizona. Phone SU 2-2342."

I'd like to join in requesting your support of the "Creative Home Articles" division as well as your participation in the other divisions of the Home Economics Exhibit Section of the Fair. Please study the 1957 premium list for entry possibilities.

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Sub Project C - Publicity (cont.)

Impressions Of "Once In A Lifetime" Convention Trip For Yuma 4-H'er

By ELVA WARNER

As I boarded the train leaving Phoenix for the 4-H Club Congress my head was in the clouds. Because I had heard so much about how wonderful the trip was going to be and how much fun I was going to have I was full of high expectations for this chance of a lifetime trip. Some had thought I was too optimistic and excited but even I could never have anticipated the thrill, excitement, and inspiration that Club Congress was to be. The entire trip was to exceed even my highest hopes and dreams.

Delegates from Yuma County were Bobby Smith, national boy's agriculture winner; Margaret Faulkner, state home improvement winner; Leslie Kammann, state tractor winner, and Elva Warner, state achievement winner. We had all dreamed of this trip but now we were going it was hard to realize that it was actually happening.

Getting to know the people and gaining friends was a tremendous experience in itself, because everyone was extra special not only in the field in which they had won their trip, but almost all of them excelled in everything they did as well. We could go up to almost anyone and start an interesting conversation because there were no backward, dull 'teens at this special Congress. We got to talk to people from all over the world and learn about the different parts of the country.

From the time we arrived in Chicago until the time we left, there was a whirl of fun, food, tours, and entertainment. We were treated like kings and queens every minute with the very best of everything presented to us.

It would take pages to tell of all the things we did but here are some of the highlights. Every meal seemed like a banquet with an orchestra or band playing, and the tops of entertainment presented for us, one breakfast we had filet mignon, potatoes and the works. The girls received orchids and the boys got boutonnieres.

We went on tours of the city and museums, enjoyed a Pop concert by the Chicago Symphony Orches-



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tra, the radio program National Barn Dance and the terrific Cinema Holiday. To a lot of us, the Horse Show at the National Livestock Exposition was new and different. It was there that we participated in the annual 4-H parade. In the general assemblies we heard the best speakers. To please everyone at the Friendship Party and Farewell Party, we had ballroom dancing on one floor and square dancing on another.

We were given a chance to shop in the huge department stores, too. The whole Congress was planned to please everyone with a variety of activities. It was all great fun, but what I will remember most is the inspiration I received.

Sunday morning all the delegates attended church services together. We all sang and worshipped with each other regardless of our denomination. As the service came to a close, we all stood up to sing The Star Spangled Banner. I guess we will all admit that sometimes when we sing this song

we sing it without feeling, just because we have to. But when the lights were turned off in the Grand Ballroom and a spotlight shone on the American Flag, that was waving proudly in the air, something happened inside of me. I felt strong and proud, yet humble, and as I sang from the bottom of my heart I realized how much I loved my nation. As I looked around and listened, I found that it wasn't only me that felt this wonderful feeling in my heart but everyone else, too. I could see tears in many eyes, and I could hear the tremendous love for our country coming from the lips of the children of America. I knew then that nothing in the world would ever deprive Americans from their heritage, freedom.

I don't think that most of us realize how wonderful the sponsors of the different awards are until we go to Club Congress and see all the things that they do for us. If it weren't for the wonderful sponsors who give so much to our 4-H Club program, we would never have gone to Club Congress. They are the ones who treated us to all the activities and gave us many gifts to remember Club Congress by. Then there are the extension workers and leaders who have helped us learn new things and to do our projects correctly so that we may work our way to the top in 4-H Club work. But most of all we thank our parents who do so much to encourage us to keep at it and always do our best.

My trip to the National 4-H Club Congress will always mean much more than a whirl of excitement to me. I went to Club Congress proud of myself for winning but I came back humble because I hadn't done more for my club, community and country. I came home more determined than ever to work harder and to do everything I could to make 4-H grow and prosper in my community.

4-H Club Congress will always live inside of me not only as a "dream week" awarded to me for achievement in 4-H Club work, but also as a starting point for greater things to accomplish.

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(c) Project Activities and Results (cont.)

XVIII Community Activities (cont.)

Sub Project D - Achievement Days

In January, the Home Agent was active in plans for the Home Economics division of the Yuma County Fair.

Among other things, Miss Jo Perrill, Woman Editor of Arizona Farmer, was in the County the week of January 15. The Agent arranged for a Fair committee meeting at the home of Mrs. Lillie Smith. Here, details of the new department, "Creative Home Articles", were set forth. These were later formulated into an article, "New Idea for Yuma Fair", which appeared in the Arizona Farmer-Ranchman in the February 2 issue.



Fair committee meeting making plans for "Creative Home Articles" department.

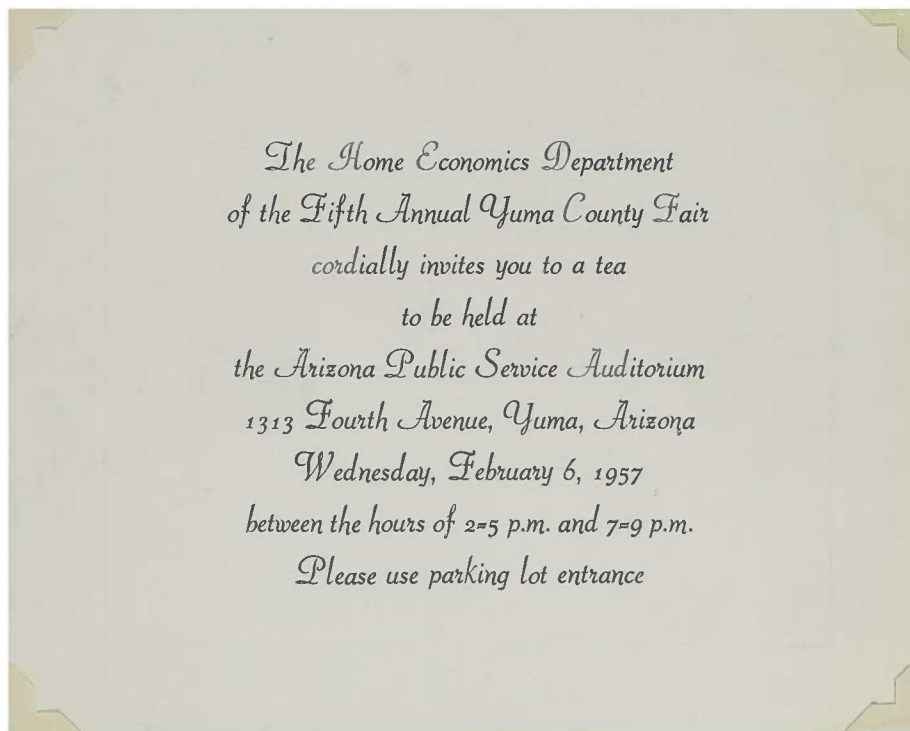
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Sub Project D - Achievement Days (cont.)

In January and early February, the Home Agent was active in plans, preparation and carrying through of the Second Annual Rally Day Tea. Hostesses were the Women's Division Superintendents of the County Fair. The reason for the tea was to help with a more thorough and even distribution of Fair Premium List Catalogs than in years past and to further stimulate interest in making entries in the Home Economics Division of the Fair. Some five hundred invitations were mailed to the Presidents of all women's organizations in the County as well as to all past exhibitors and to Homemaker Club members.



In preparation for the Tea, each Superintendent prepared an exhibit illustrative of entries appropriate for her division. The exhibit for the new division "Creative Home Articles" led all others in guest interest. This was at least partly due to the fact that the division was not familiar.

Refreshments were served in the form of a tea table with punch and homemade cookies. Fair premium books and entry blanks were given out to all who attended. In addition to the Superintendents and the Agent, the affair was hosted by Mr. Frank Deason, Executive Secretary of the Fair.

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PREVIEW—Teas marking the beginning of distribution of the 1957 Yuma County Fair Premium Lists were an occasion to show domestic arts entries in this year's fair. Mrs. D. D. Smith (left) who acted as hostess for the affair shows a creative home article exhibit to Mrs. Claude Baker.



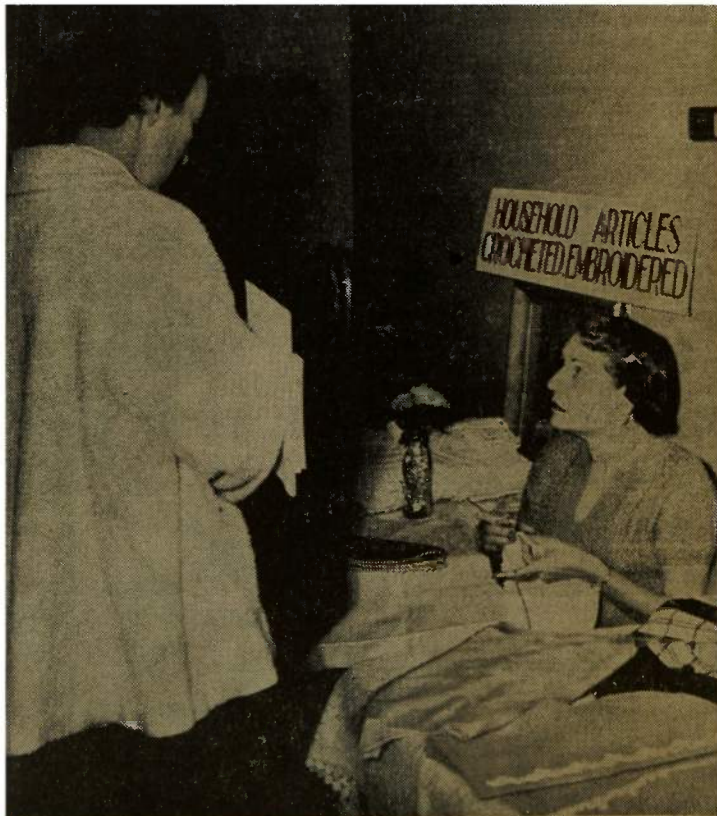
ADMIRATION—Mrs. Bob McCreight, (left) Fair Division Superintendent, admires a canned and preserved food display prepared by Mrs. John Fleming. The food will be her entry in the Fair, April 10-14.

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CONVERSATION—Busy with the preparation of a fair entry, Superintendent Marie Laputka (seated) discusses the forthcoming fair with Mrs. Bob Brumbach. About 200 people attended the teas held last Wednesday at the Arizona Public Service Auditorium.

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Sub Project D - Achievement Days (cont.)

During March of the current year, there were two Pre Fairs in the County. The first was at Parker on March 22-23 and was participated in by the Assistant Home Agent. Joining the Parker and Poston areas for the first time were 4-H Clubs from Quartzsite and Salome. The Fair showed improvement over all previous years. The 4-H booths evidenced much thought, ingenuity and work on the part of both 4-H'ers and Leaders.

The second Pre Fair was held at Wellton on March 30. It was participated in by Wellton and Roll 4-H'ers and showed improvement in both quantity and quality over the 1956 Pre Fair.

Sub Project K - Miscellaneous

For several years past as well as this current year, the Gadsden Club has donated official 4-H jackets for sweepstakes prizes for a boy and a girl at the County Fair. This year, an appeal was made for the Club, together with the Gadsden Farm Bureau, to help finance three local boys to the Boy Scout Jamboree held at Valley Forge near Washington D. C. The club voted to contribute \$50 for each boy which meant that \$150 had to be raised. It was decided to have a series of Monday morning brunches during July in order to do this. The Agent served in an ex-officio capacity helping with menu planning as well as preparation, etc. The venture was successful and sufficient funds were raised.

The Pioneer Homemakers clubs worked with related agencies for programs in First Aid and Civil Defense. The Red Cross provided the First Aid instructor while Sergeant Edwin Kemp presented the program on Civil Defense.

The Assistant Home Agent in cooperation with Mr. Garrett Blackwell, County Agent, and Mr. Paul Lineberry, Assistant County Agent, has carried on a series of planned home visits in the Wellton-Mohawk area. To quote the Assistant Home Agent, "As a result of these visits or kitchen planning conferences, I feel I have a much better understanding of the people and their problems in that area and they in turn have better understanding of the Agricultural Extension Service".

One cannot be a Home Agent in one County for twenty-two years without making many contacts that serve to stimulate community life, recreational and otherwise. Hence, many services have been rendered which, in themselves, may not warrant mention but which have together been a real positive factor.

E. OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The outlook for Home Agent work in Yuma County seems to be one of comparative security because the things which the work has to offer are timely and needed in the operation of homes.